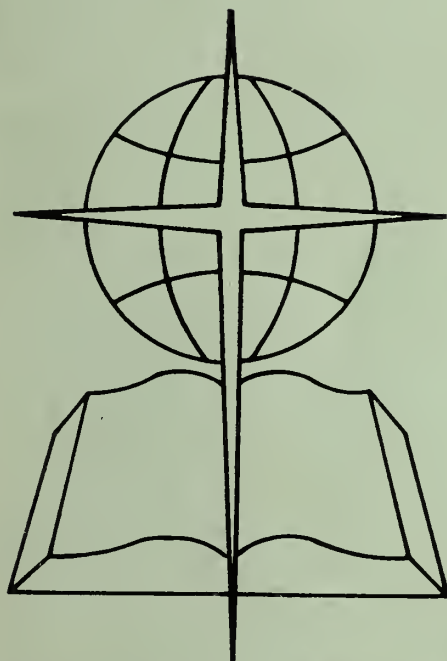




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NORTH CAROLINA

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ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

Held With
Rock Spring, August 10, 1990

and with

Sandy Flat, August 11, 1990

The one hundred and thirtieth session will be held with Bailey Camp on Friday, August 9, 1991 and at Boone Fork on Saturday, August 10, 1991.

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PRESENTERS OF REPORTS

Vacation Bible School	Edwana Smith
Cooperative Program	Pauline Eldreth
Home Missions	Vera Dula
Children's Homes	Jeri Triplett
Baptist Hospital	Linda Church
Retirement Homes	Mamie Craig
Christian Education	Edith Gryder
Baptist Foundation	Dale Luttrell
State Missions	Charles Smith
Foreign Missions	Scott Church
Temperance & Morals (CAL)	Sharon Craig
Brotherhood	Dennis Oakes
Biblical Recorder	Lloyd Buckner
Obituaries	Clerk
Resolutions	Betty Woods
Program Committee: Edith Gryder, George Berry, Linda Mills	
Finance Committee: Edith Gryder, Dale Luttrell, Linda Mills, Roy Gryder	
Missions Committee: Director of Missions and Pastors of each Church	
Nominating Committee: Pastors of each Church, will elect a Chairman	

MESSENGERS TO ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

Bailey Camp: Roy Gryder, Edith Gryder
 Boone Fork: Lloyd Buckner, Rosetta Hollifield, Dale Luttrell
 Doe Ridge: Junior Eldreth, Pauline Eldreth, Wanda Winkler
 Laytown: Nadine Holt, Vera Dula, Sandra Church, Charles Smith
 Long Ridge: Ronald Woodie, David Anthony, George Berry
 Mt. Ephraim: None
 Rock Spring: Carroll Woods, Betty Woods, Bea Whitson, Scott Church, Linda Church, Opal Cox
 Sandy Flat: Max West, Barbara West, Charles Craig, Doris Tester

CONSTITUTION

OF THE STONY FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION (PROPOSED)

PREAMBLE

For the declaration of its fundamental purposes and the permanent guidance and control of its activities, the body does adopt the following as its constitution, to wit:

ARTICLE I—Name and Membership

Section 1. This body shall be known as the Stony Fork Missionary Baptist Association of North Carolina.

Section 2. The Association shall be composed of Missionary Baptist Churches.

Section 3. Any Baptist Church may be admitted into this Association upon recommendation of the Committee of Petitionary Letters and Constitution of the Churches Committee and the majority vote of members present at any meeting as prescribed in Article IX.

Section 4. Any Church at her discretion, may withdraw from this body.

Section 5. This Association may at any meeting, after an investigation and report of a duly authorized committee of the Association, by a majority vote declare a dissolution of union with any church deemed corrupt, either in doctrine or practice.

Section 6. Each church shall elect its messengers to the Annual Associational meeting. Each messenger must be certified in the annual church letter to the Association and must be appointed on the following ratio: Five messengers, in addition to the pastor, for each church having a membership not exceeding fifty, and one additional messenger for each increase of fifty. In no case shall the total number of messengers exceed ten for any given church, in addition to the pastor.

Section 7. When any church shall fail to be represented by letter or messenger for two consecutive years, the missions committee shall confer with church, and if satisfactory reason is not given, and there is no evidence that said church wishes to keep alive their affiliation with the Association, the committee shall bring its findings to the next Executive Committee Meeting, the Association shall at that time by a majority of present members shall vote to withdraw fellowship. The Association recognizes the right of any affiliated church to withdraw its fellowship from the Association.

Section 8. The Annual Associational meeting shall convene on Friday at 9:00 a.m., Recess from 12:00 noon to 1:10 p.m. for the noon meal and adjourn on or before 4:00 p.m. It shall reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and adjourn at the completion of business for the noon meal. This following the first Sunday in August.

ARTICLE II—Purpose

Section 1. The prime purpose of the Association shall be to counsel together for the enlargement and strengthening of God's kingdom and to promote unity and growth among the churches composing it.

Section 2. It shall be the purpose of this Association to enlist all of the churches into full cooperation with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention and their agencies in the work of missions, evangelism, christian education and social service.

ARTICLE III—Powers and Perogatives

Section 1. The Association, when convened in meeting, shall sit as an advisory council and shall have no power to infringe on any of the internal rights or affairs of the member churches. It may advise however, with the member churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption or rejection.

Section 2. When grievances occur between any member of minority group of any church which is a member of the Association, the Association, the Executive Committee, or Missions Committee, or the committee designated by and acting for either of these bodies, may advise or give aid in matters which do not infringe on the rights of the local church, and this only on the invitation of the individual or group involved.

Section 3. Any church found unfaithful to the faith and practices common to the Association, as outlined in Addendum I—ARTICLES OF FAITH (The Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963) shall be encouraged to correct such errors, if the conduct of said church is not corrected and is of such nature as to alienate said church from the orderly and faithful churches of the Association, the Executive Committee of the Association can recommend that fellowship be withdrawn from said church, and upon a majority vote of the messengers in an Annual session, fellowship with such church can be withdrawn. (See Article I, Section 7)

ARTICLE IV—The Executive Committee

Section 1. The Association shall have an Executive Committee to serve as the Association between Annual Meetings, assisting in the overall work of the Association with such limitations as may be imposed by the constitution.

Section 2. The Executive committee shall be composed of the Associational officers and the Pastors, and the Chairman of Deacons along with two elected lay persons from each church. Sixteen members shall constitute a quorum. The names of these persons shall be furnished annually to the Associational Clerk, if changes occur during the Associational year, these changes shall be forwarded to the Clerk.

Section 3. At the beginning of each Executive Committee Meeting, a roll call will be taken of each church and its representatives.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall meet within two weeks after the Annual Associational Meeting, the second Sunday of November, March, and July. These meetings shall be held in churches of the Association, consecutively, in Alphabetical order.

ARTICLE V—Officers

Section 1. The officers of this body shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Brotherhood Director, W.M.U. Director, Vacation Bible School Director, Music Director, Pianist, Evangelism Director, and Youth Coordinator.

Section 2. The officers of the Association shall be elected at each regular Annual Associational Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall fill vacancies that may occur in their respective categories between annual meetings of the association by bringing names to the Executive Committee for their approval.

Section 3. By the virtue of the office, the Associational Director of Missions is considered an ex-officio member of all Associational Committees. For all qualifications and terms of office see Article VII, Section 1.

ARTICLE VI—Duties of Officers

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator of the Association to preside over the Annual Sessions, special sessions, and at the quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee. As the presiding officer, he shall open the meetings punctually at the appointed time, enforce the rules, preserve order, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage. He shall provide leadership for a progressive ideal throughout the association. He shall be elected for a one year term, and he shall not succeed himself for a maximum of two full terms. He shall appoint in advance any other committees he may deem necessary or advisable. Each of these committees shall report at the Annual Meeting for which they are appointed. It shall be the responsibility of the Moderator to call any needed meetings at any time he deems necessary. The Moderator is considered an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to discharge the duties of the Moderator in his absence or at his request.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Association in regular and special sessions; to keep accurate records of quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee; to keep on file the printed minutes and other important documents belonging to the Association; to furnish the churches with the blank letter forms on which to make the annual reports to the association; to superintend the printing of the minutes, and to distribute them to the churches as soon after adjournment as possible. For this service the clerk shall be paid annually an amount recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the association.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds of the association and to disburse the same in accordance with the budget of the association or for the purposes for which the funds were contributed. To render to the association an itemized report of the receipts and disbursements at the first session of the annual meeting. In the treasurers absence a member of the Finance Committee shall give the report. The Treasurer shall make available through the associational newsletter a quarterly report including the contributions of each church in the association. A quarterly report shall be made available at the quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee. For this service, the treasurer shall be paid annually an amount recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the association.

Section 5. The Sunday School Director shall take the initiative in promoting inspirational meetings, study courses, and leadership classes for the churches of the association. He shall work in cooperation with the denominational Sunday School Agencies in promoting the denominational programs; and he will be responsible for coordinating and promoting Vacation Bible School work in conjunction with the Vacation Bible Director. He shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for his organization.

Section 6. The Church Training Director shall take the initiative in promoting the regular meetings projected by the State Convention and be available to the churches for help in strengthening the established unions and encourage the organization of new unions in churches without them. He shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for his organization.

Section 7. The Brotherhood Director shall be responsible for promoting missionary education within our association and be available to the churches to assist in strengthening organizations and programs of existing units. He shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for his organization.

Section 8. The WMU Director shall be responsible for promoting missionary

education within our association and she shall be available to the churches to assist in promoting and establishing new Baptist Women and Baptist Women Auxiliary units, and shall assist in strengthening the organizations and programs of existing units. She shall also work with the Nomination Committee in enlisting leadership for her organization.

Section 9. The Vacation Bible Director shall work in conjunction with the Associational Sunday School Director in enlisting and training workers, planning and organizing for the annual Vacation Bible School Clinic.

Section 10. The Music Director shall take the initiative in promoting the meetings and activities suggested by the state music leadership and be available to the churches to help in strengthening their music programs. The music director will also be responsible for the music at the Associational and Executive Committee Meetings. He shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for his organization.

Section 11. The Pianist will be responsible for playing the piano at all Associational and Executive Committee meetings.

Section 12. The Evangelism Chairman will work with the Evangelism programs in planning, promoting, and coordinating all Evangelistic activities for the association in conjunction with the Director of Missions.

ARTICLE VII—Director of Missions

Statement of Purpose and Position Title:

The office or position will be known as the Director of Missions for the Stony Fork Missionary Baptist Association. The Director of Missions shall provide responsible leadership in the work of the association through performing such basic functions as the planning, correlation, and implementation of programs, program services, and ministries of the association; counsel the churches; agencies of needs, problems, and potentialities within the association; and interpret to the churches the program resources and other assistance available from the Baptist State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

Section 1. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Planning and Coordination

1. Lead the association in strategy planning; establishing and maintaining a long-range program. Lead the association to set goals and encourage the churches to work toward them.

2. Coordinate the associational work and meetings by serving as ex-officio member of all committees.

3. Work with program officers and the Nominating Committee in selecting and enlisting leaders for organizations and committees of the association.

4. Counsel, encourage, and lead in training the associational officers.

B. Education and Promotion

1. Seek to assist the pastors and the churches in programs suitable for their growth and development, recognizing the differences in size and diversity of membership, utilizing persuasion to promote fellowship and cooperation.

2. Seek out in cooperation with the Missions Committee places of missions need and seek to enlist an appropriate church to meet these needs. In the event no church(es) can be enlisted, upon the instruction of the Missions Committee, the Director of Missions may lead in such a program in the name of the Stony Fork Baptist Association.

3. Promote church organizational programs: Sunday School, Church Training,

Church Music, Brotherhood, WMU, and Vacation Bible School and Leadership Training.

4. Promote church assistance programs: Evangelism, Stewardship, and Family Life.

5. Plan for and promote simultaneous efforts, such as: World Missions Conferences, revival crusades, enlargement campaigns, training schools, etc.

6. Prepare in cooperation with the Missions Committee an annual associational calendar. Prepare a monthly associational newsletter for distribution in the association.

7. Attend denominational meetings and conferences as budget and time considerations permit.

8. Report to the executive boards at its regular meetings and to the association in annual session.

C. Service Ministry

1. Provide counsel and help as requested by pastors and churches.

2. Serve as pulpit supply, assist in church surveys, and conduct studies and revivals as requested in keeping with terms of employment. Pulpit supply for a period of 4 weeks.

3. Manage the associational office, supervise associational employees, and maintain equipment of the association.

4. Cooperate with the Finance Committee in planning the budget and promoting giving to the association.

5. Establish and announce office hours to best utilize the division of time between the associational office and field responsibilities.

6. Always working through the pastor, the Director of Missions will be available to offer aid to churches in need of assistance. No program will be conducted for a church without the invitation of the pastor and/or church. In the event the church is without a pastor, the Director of Missions will respond to requests from the church leadership.

Section 2. TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

A. Term of Office—The Director of Missions shall be called for an indefinite term of service.

B. Remuneration—Remuneration will be recommended by the Missions and Finance Committees and approved by the Stony Fork Baptist Association.

C. Honorariums—Honorariums received for pulpit supply, weddings, funerals, revivals, and pastoral service, not directly related to his normal responsibilities, shall be considered personal remuneration.

D. Work Schedule—Work schedules will vary, with weekends normally being kept for services in churches in the association.

E. Work Accountability—The Missions Committee pledges itself to a ministry of loyalty, support, and loving encouragement of the Director of Missions, so that under the leadership of the Spirit of God, he may render the most effective service possible.

F. Both parties must give a thirty day notice before termination.

Section 3. QUALIFICATIONS

A. Spiritual—A committed Christian with a sense of definite call to mission service.

B. Educational—Preferably college and seminary degrees, or their equivalent.

C. Special Knowledge and Skills—Knowledge of Baptist denominational life and a willingness to continue to learn; vision, flexibility, and demonstrated leadership ability in planning, conducting, and evaluating the work of the association.

D. Character—Christian integrity.

E. Experience—Pastoral ministry, Christian education or associational and other mission experience are necessary. Preferably the associational experience should be as a director of missions, associational staff member or as an active and responsible officer in an association. The mission experience may be in the establishment of and involvement in mission outreach and ministry in a mission, church or association.

ARTICLE VIII—Committees and Their Duties

Section 1. The committee of time, place and preacher shall be composed of three members. It shall be the duty of the committee to recommend to the association, the churches where the next session will be held, preferably to be taken in alphabetical order, and also the preacher for the annual session. In order to alleviate any hardship on any one church hosting as associational meeting, it is suggested that two churches may jointly host each meeting. Expenses, meeting places, and other arrangements will be coordinated by the churches selected.

Section 2. The committee on Resolutions shall be composed of two members. It shall be the duty of this committee to draw up and present to the association suitable resolutions of appreciation and expressions of sentiments on any matter chosen by the committee or as directed by the messengers of the association.

Section 3. The Program Committee shall be composed of the general officers of the association. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare and present a suggested order of business to be adopted by the association. When adopted, the program becomes the order of business unless changed by common consent or by the vote of the body.

Section 4. The committee of Nominations shall be composed of five members. It shall be the duty of the committee to prepare for the association the names of individuals as nominees for the following offices and reports: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Treasurer, Clerk, Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Music Director, Vacation Bible School Director, Brotherhood Director, Pianist, Evangelism Director, and Associational State Representatives, also persons for the following reports shall also be selected; Home Missions, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Stewardship, Cooperative Program, Obituaries, Temperance and Morals, V.B.S. Report, W.M.U. Report, Sunday School Report, and any others designated by the association. Representatives for the following shall be selected: N.C. Baptist Hospital, N.C. Childrens Home, Baptist Home for the Aging, Denominational Colleges (Christian Education), Denominational Literature (Religious Literature), Annuity Board, Baptist Foundation, and any others designated by the association. The committee on Nominations shall be responsible for selection and contacting each of these persons for their approval before the annual meeting. The floor shall be open for nominations for these offices on the day of the annual meeting. Nominations from the floor shall be taken first, then the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall give nomination of committee. All nominees must be contacted beforehand and permission given for acceptance of nomination. The W.M.U. will elect their officers.

Section 5. The Finance Committee shall be composed of five members, one of which will include the Treasurer of the association. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare and recommend a budget for the association and to suggest ways and means whereby the budget can be raised by the local churches and to secure the cooperation of the churches in raising the budget. The Finance committee will present the proposed budget on the first day of the annual associational meeting with discussion and adoption scheduled for the second day. The Finance Committee shall meet prior to the quarterly Executive Committee Meeting and shall

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prepare on a regular form acceptable to the association, a detailed financial report which will be given to each member present at the quarterly meetings and the annual associational meeting.

Section 6. The Missions Committee shall be composed of five members and this committee shall report to and cooperate with the Executive Committee of the association. The duties of this committee are: (a) to coordinate and help promote through the organizations and committees all phases and activities of the associational programs, (b) to cooperate with the local churches in making surveys of areas which in the opinion of the Missions Committee are being adequately served by the local missionary Baptist work, and to promote and develop those new phases of the Missions programs, (c) to serve in advisory capacity to the Director of Missions in all matters pertaining to his work and to serve with him in directing and promoting the missions programs of the association, (d) to provide information and assistance to the departments of State Missions of the North Carolina Baptist Convention in meeting local missionary needs, such as Missionary pastor's assistance, promoting mission's causes, etc., (e) the Missions Committee shall meet prior to the Executive Committee of the Association or at any time necessary to discharge its duties, (f) this committee shall have the following responsibilities relating to the office of Director of Missions:

1. Serve as a search committee for a Director of Missions.
2. Recommend to the Executive Committee the name of the nominee.
3. Coordinate financial matters with the Baptist State Convention.
4. Serve as a liaison between the churches and the Director of Missions.

Section 7. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall be composed of the Missions Committee and one selected layperson of the association making six members. It shall be the duty of this committee to review and update the Constitution and By-Laws as it becomes necessary. This committee will recommend revisions and amendments concerning the constitution and By-laws to the association as deemed necessary. They shall meet at least once a year before the annual meeting to review and discuss the constitution.

Section 8. The committee of Petitionary Letters and Constitutions of the churches

ARTICLE IX—Petitionary Letters and Constitutions of the Churches

The Committee of Petitionary Letters and Constitutions of the Churches shall be made up of the Missions Committee members.

Section 1. Any group of baptized believers in Christ desiring to organize themselves into a missionary Baptist church with the purpose of seeking the recognition of and fellowship and cooperate with this association, shall be required to fulfill the following requirements. They shall submit their request for admission to the Director of Missions or the Moderator of the Association, who will in turn forward it to the Committee of Petitionary Letters. In addition to the letter of request, a church must also furnish a report of work accomplished since its organization, a copy of the church covenant, and its articles of faith.

Section 2. Any church seeking admission into the fellowship of the Association must be under the watchcare of the Association for a period of one year before it can be admitted. During this interim period, the church shall be expected to have part in the support of the causes fostered by the association, The North Carolina State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Section 3. The findings of the Committee on Petitionary Letters shall be reported at the annual associational meeting or at the Executive Committee meeting with a recommendation either for or against admission.

Section 4. If the church is accepted under the watchcare of the association, the Committee on Petitionary Letters shall recommend at the end of the year that the church be accepted into full fellowship provided that examination of that years work done and a study of the cooperative spirit of that church proves to be in accordance to the principles of the churches of the association. A two-thirds majority vote of the Messengers or Executive Committee members present shall be needed for such an action to be completed. There will be an appropriate program conducted during the annual meeting to formally welcome this new church into the association.

Section 5. For a sister cooperative Missionary Baptist church that is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, that wishes to join or transfer status, the same procedure is needful with the exception of the one year of associational watchcare. Upon receipt of letter of request, the Committee of Petitions shall recommend its findings to the Executive Committee, and after a thirty day period of investigation the discretion of the Executive Committee shall be used if immediate acceptance of fellowship is possible. If accepted, a program of welcoming shall be presented at the annual associational meeting.

ARTICLE X—Amendments

The constitution or any part of the constitution shall be amended at the annual associational meeting in August, with the acceptance by two-thirds majority vote. It is suggested that all changes and recommendations of amendments be submitted two months prior to annual meeting in August, to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for their careful consideration; however, any messenger has the right to submit proposed changes in accordance with this article.

By-Laws

1. All associational meetings shall be opened and closed in prayer.
2. "Roberts Rules of Order," shall be used as a guideline for parliamentary procedure in all associational meetings. The Moderator will be responsible for having a copy of same at all meetings and a copy of parliamentary procedure and the gavel of the association shall be transferred upon succession of the moderator.
3. All associational officers shall exercise authority over their departments and shall give a financial accounting to the Finance Committee for monies expended.
4. Election and installation of officers shall take place on the last day of the annual associational meeting in August, and these officers shall be responsible for planning, coordinating, and providing leadership for the coming year in the association.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Time, Place and Preacher Committee will be amended to the hosting church pastor or a preacher of his choice will be the preacher for the associational meetings. Committee membership will be filled according to the number of people participating in associational work.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Article VIII-Committees and their duties, Section 4. Amended to: recommendations from the Nominating Committee shall be presented first, then nominations will be taken from the floor.

PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred and twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Stony Fork Missionary Baptist Association was called to order by George Berry, Moderator, at 9:00 a.m. on August 10, 1990 at Rock Spring Baptist Church.

Charles Smith, song leader, led the congregation in singing, "Victory in Jesus." Devotion was led by Burl Jones from Hebrews 12:1-3.

The program was adopted with revisions to be made as necessary for the convenience of the speakers and presenters.

Roll Call: Bailey Camp 3, Boone Fork 5, Doe Ridge 2, Laytown 4, Long Ridge 5, Mt. Ephriam 0, Rock Spring 9, Sandy Flat 3, Other 1, for a total of 32 members present.

Recognition of New Pastors: George Berry (Long Ridge) and Bill Wright (Boone Fork).

New Worker: Lloyd Buckner (Boone Fork).

New Worker in WMU: Vera Dula (Laytown) and Pauline Berry (Long Ridge).

The following reports were presented, moved for adoption and approved for inclusion in the minutes.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Who receives Cooperative Program funds? Thirty-eight state conventions receive Cooperative Program funds from the churches in order to conduct the ministries approved by their churches.

There are twenty agencies that carry out their work with these funds. The churches undergrid all these agencies through the Cooperative Program and these agencies are the channel through which people are reached for Christ.

From January 1 through December 31, 1989, the Stony Fork Association gave \$11,488.96 to the Cooperative Program. There were seven churches who gave this amount.

This year from January 1 through June 1, 1990, the churches have given \$3,913.96.

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline Eldreth

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM RECEIPTS AND SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Gifts through the Cooperative Program actually received by business office of the Baptist State Convention for the period listed below.

Check this with your church records and please report any difference to O. D. Martin, Jr., P. O. Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512.

Special offerings from the churches for Baptist causes shown as designated.

January 1 through June 30, 1990

Church Names	Cooperative Program			Designated	
	Current Quarter	Total to Date Above	To Date Last Year	Current Quarter	To Date Above
Stony Fork					
Bailey Camp	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Boone Fork	.00	100.00	.00	600.00	600.00
Doe Ridge	107.05	151.05	193.64	.00	.00
Laytown	200.00	600.00	.00	.00	.00
Long Ridge	230.00	516.91	424.65	74.37	379.28
Mount Ephriam	391.00	784.87	484.00	.00	.00
Mount Paron	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Mount View	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
New Hopewell	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Rock Springs	1,150.46	1,712.97	2,356.79	719.45	787.67
Rock View	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Sandy Flat	48.16	48.16	52.83	1,558.06	1,558.06
Other Than Church	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
TOTAL	2,126.67	3,913.96	3,511.91	2,951.88	3,325.01

HOME MISSIONS

Acts 1:18

A well-known legend tells of a scrawny little sparrow lying on his back in the middle of the road. A traveler comes along and asks the sparrow what he is doing lying upside down. "I heard the heavens are going to fall today," said the sparrow. "Oh," said the man, "and I suppose your spindly legs can hold up the heavens." "One does what one can," said the sparrow, "one does what one can."

No one missionary is responsible for spreading the good news to everyone in this nation, but each of us must do what we can. Southern Baptist Convention churches could not operate without volunteers, Sunday school teachers, WMU, Brotherhood workers, deacons, visitation leaders, etc. Many of us first became aware of God's grace through a volunteer who was faithful to God's call. God's call is still there, and it is our turn to respond and go.

Habitat always moves on the shoulders of our Home Mission Volunteers. This can be applied to all phases of the work of the Home Mission Board. Volunteers are making it possible for the HMB to do its work.

What is your excuse for not getting involved? If you have run out of reasons for being a spectator and not a participant, Home Missions can change your life, become a volunteer for the Home Mission Board.

Cooperation is the foundation of our Southern Baptist heritage. The cooperation of WMU leaders at the church and associational levels has nurtured the Home Mission Board into a national agency supporting 3,800 missionaries.

As president of the Home Mission Board, I commend you for your role in promoting the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions. Thanks to you, we experienced an increase. Because of your cooperation, Southern Baptists heard the needs and responded to them.

In 1989, Southern Baptists gave a record \$32,960,700 through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. This was an increase of almost seven percent over the previous year.

But our receipts still fell \$6 million short of our \$39 million offering goal. And last year was the seventh consecutive year that we did not meet our goal.

Although the approximate seven percent increase is enabling Home Missionaries to tell the Good News to more people, how many more people could we reach if we had met our goal?

OUT OF BUSINESS CHURCHES

Visualize 6,210 churches. Doors locked and bolted. A sign on the outside of each door that reads, "Out of business. No persons to win."

Foolishness, you say? But is it? Last year, 6,210 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention did not baptize a single person. They might as well have tacked a sign on the door that said as much. From their perspective, there must not have been anyone left to evangelize.

What's more disturbing is more than 1,000 of these churches have gone as long as four years without baptizing a single person. What kind of churches are they?

Often they are small, with limited resources. But at least one church of 1,000 members went a full year without baptizing a single person.

Here's another shocker: Only 210 SBC churches baptize 100 or more persons a year. Among churches of 1,000-plus members who are not in the top 210, the average number of people baptized annually is 29.

We will never make Bold Mission Thrust a reality if we do business as many of our churches do. If the New Testament is clear about anything, it is that soul-winning is the job of the church. Sure, we do missions and ministry. But without soul-winning as our priority, we might just as well hang a sign on the door that says, "Out of business. No more prospects to win."

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Tester

Roy Gryder spoke to the Biblical Recorder Report. We Americans have the freedom to speak out against things. There is no basis for many accusations against Editor Puckett and no deliberate misdeeds. Many new General Board members of the Recorder have not even come out with any actual accusations. Don't take any of these things too seriously. We must be careful of how we accept these accusations when we read or hear them concerning our state paper.

Roy Holder spoke to the State Missions Report. He works in the Church Extension division. 10,000 new church sites are needed. One out of every two people you meet throughout the day knows Christ. Many people will not be reached by a traditional church. About 65 to 70% of our churches are on a plateau—not growing—or declining. Our church planners can help you with taking a look at

where you are, where you have been and where you are going. Today 1.7 people come to church in each care compared to 3.5 a few years ago. Mission support—especially State Missions in NC—is essential. Please give generously as we need a boost if we are to continue to help our churches to advance the Kingdom of Christ.

Bill Stillerman spoke to the Retirement Homes Report. Without your support, our ministry would not be possible. There are three important things about our ministry:

1. We believe our foundation is based on the gospel good news of Jesus Christ—as healing. We enhance the quality of life for older adults.
2. We believe in older adults. The majority of the people of NC think that by the time you reach 65 and have not met your goals, you might as well give up and be put out to pasture. We believe that people over 65 are our greatest resource.
3. We believe in quality care for our older adults. A restraint and drug therapy-free environment. 100% of our residents have out-lived their life expectancy. There are things you can do for us, pray for us, make people aware of our needs, and support us financially. Every dollar we receive is used to underwrite the care for those who cannot afford it.

Our Special Day Offering will be in February, 1991 and will be called the NC Offering for Older Adults.

Sue Fitzgerald spoke to the Christian Higher Education Report. In Luke 7, John sends his disciples to ask Jesus if he is the Messiah. I think Jesus would say to us, “as I have done, you also go and do.” No matter where we serve, we are called to follow Christ’s example. As your colleges, we are called to meet the needs of our students. They don’t know of possibilities, they are blind to their abilities. Some are lame to their physical needs and need our program for physical fitness. Some are financially poor but we have helps available. Some are spiritually poor and programs are available to help them. We also have programs for the learning disabled.

We can’t help everyone, but we want to help those we can. Our Resource Center has helps for all needs. Your only cost is to write and mail back any literature you borrow and this is the way we want to help you.

THE BIBLICAL RECORDER

ASSOCIATIONAL REPORT 1990

We need your help!

Never in the History of Southern Baptists has there been a time of more conflict and tension, much of it based on misunderstanding or a lack of correct information. As never before, we need informed Baptists to make the right decisions for the Kingdom’s work in the name of Christ.

The most important thing facing us at this point is to get the RECORDER into more Baptist homes than ever before. Your support as a subscriber and reader, and your encouragement to others will enable the paper to better serve the constituency with accurate and helpful information delivered to Baptist homes and churches.

Baptists must have a single source of news and information upon which to make decisions and evaluate ministries. The RECORDER is that source; nothing else matches the paper as a single source of news, information, inspiration and challenge in our mission efforts together.

In order to save churches, large amounts of money, and to increase readership of the RECORDER, Church News Service (CNS) has been launched in 1990. This system lets any congregation have their church newsletter incorporated into the BIBLICAL RECORDER which saves staff time, postage and printing costs. Usually, for less than what it costs to produce the church newsletter, CNS gives the entire Baptist communication package to each family in the congregation.

The paper will focus more and more attention on North Carolina Baptists with news, features and inspirational articles which will encourage individuals and churches in their witness and ministry, where they are, and to the ends of the rapidly changing world.

Never has God given Baptists a greater opportunity; never have there been as many difficulties and obstacles to overcome. One sure way to conquer problems and overcome the barriers to effective witness and ministry is to have the facts, know the issues and be adequately informed.

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Respectfully submitted,
Lloyd Buckner

BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA

1990 PROVIDING THE BEST OF TIMES TO N.C. OLDER ADULTS

Making life for Older Adults the Best of Times is the continuing goal of Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc., which operates four residential facilities for Older Adults around the state—in Albemarle, Asheville, Hamilton, and Winston-Salem.

In Winston-Salem, Brookridge Retirement Community celebrates its first birthday in 1990. It is the largest of the facilities, providing five levels of care— independent living in garden homes, independent living in apartments, and assisted living, intermediate nursing care and skilled nursing in its healthcare unit—to 350 Older Adults. The residents have developed a strong community spirit.

Around the state, other homes face a promising year.

The Board of Trustees of Baptist Retirement Homes applied in July for permission to construct the 60 nursing care beds the state is allocating to Buncombe County in 1990.

State approval of its plans will be the next step toward adding a 60-bed healthcare unit to the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville, a unit offering skilled and intermediate nursing care. Currently the only nursing care provided by the Baptist Retirement Homes in the 85-bed nursing care unit at Brookridge. The western part of our state has one of the fastest-growing populations of Older Adults.

The facilities in Albemarle and Hamilton provided assisted living in a residential setting to 30 Older Adults each. Both programs are greatly enhanced by the strong support of the surrounding community and its churches. The Brotherhood, WMU and senior adult clubs at many nearby churches provide fellowship, entertainment, skills and physical labor, household needs—whatever they see are needed by each home.

The Albemarle Baptist Home also offers respite care for those families who care for an Older Adult and need some time away from that responsibility. The cost of the care is paid by the family, and it provides overnight care for whatever length of time the family needs. It, and other alternative forms of residential care for Older Adults, are additional ways being explored by the Homes to meet the growing needs of the Older Adult Baptist population in the state.

Please pray for our ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
Mamie Craig

CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION REPORT

And God breathed into humans the breathe of life, and they became living souls. Not a soul without a body, but a person with a spirit that reaches out to God, with a body that is good, with a mind to know self, others, God and the world. Because a baby cries and is a living being does not mean that baby is a mature person. Wholeness comes as we grow. It takes many different things to help us grow toward wholeness, toward a maturing Christian.

One of the goals of your Baptist colleges is to help students grow toward wholeness. Each of your seven colleges and universities strives toward this goal. A Christian college sees the whole person as important and seeks to help each student to grow in relationships: God, others, society and self. The Christian College is not just interested in cramming into a person a bunch of facts, although facts are important. It is not just interested in giving a person job skills, although skills are important. Your colleges are interested in facts and skills, but only when they are put in the larger context of the overall objective of helping persons know self in relation to God, to know self in relation to the past, the present and the future, to see self in relation to the environment, to feel and taste the beauty of life and to understand the interdependence with all God's creatures.

Your colleges continually evaluate its programs to be sure objectives are being met. At present, Mars Hill College is seriously looking at where we are so we can determine what kind of school we are capable of becoming.

A commission, made up of 50 to 75 persons drawn from churches, businesses, government, professions, and cultural organizations, have been charged with the responsibility of developing recommendations for the future of Mars Hill College. Divided into seven committees, or task forces, they will look at the following areas: mission and purpose, enrollment management and marketing, resource development, faculty leadership and academic programs, student and community life, finances and facilities, and external relations.

Concerning the importance of the Commission, President Bentley said, "We must develop a vision based on the distinctive purpose of Mars Hill College as we move into the 21st Century. This consideration should take into account the needs

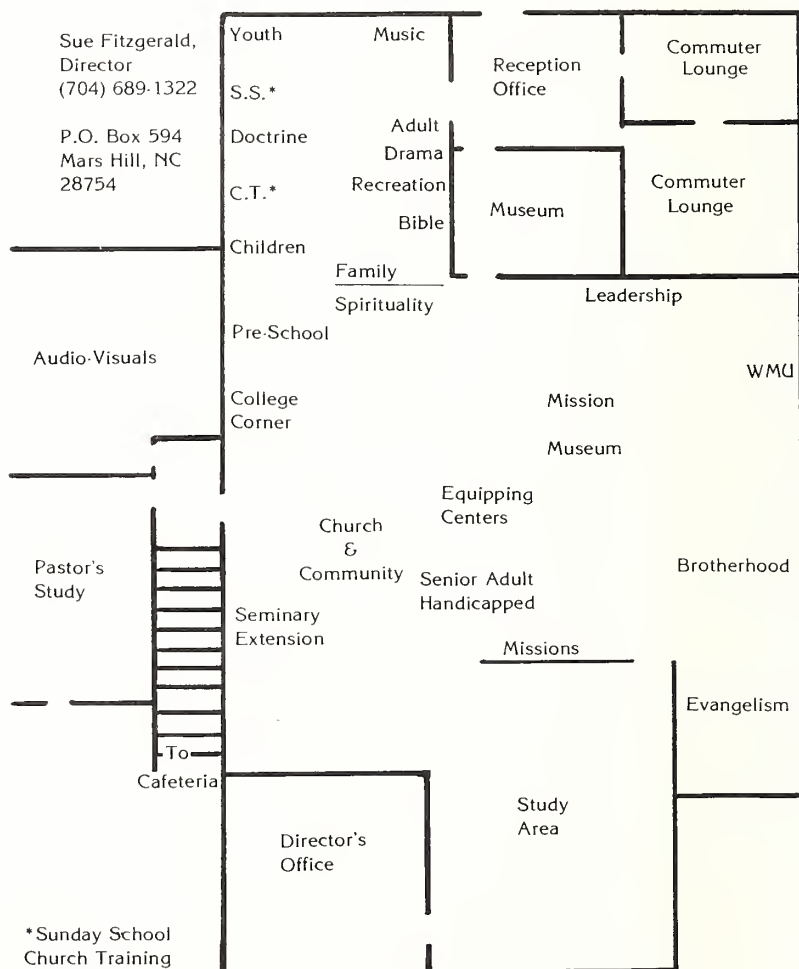
of the students as well as the needs of a society. Our role in preparing students for leadership and service in the 21st Century will require a rigorous educational program, high academic standards, and a serious commitment to Christian ideals and moral values."

The findings and the report of the Commission will be given to the trustees in May of 1991.

Sue Fitzgerald
Respectfully submitted,
Edith Gryder

CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRIES MARS HILL COLLEGE

Entrance—South side of cafeteria building



BAPTIST HOSPITAL REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS 1990

"The largest health-science building program ever in North Carolina has changed the landscape on Hawthorne Hill, and the changes continue in rapid succession...One thing that hasn't changed is the institution's tradition for delivery of compassionate health care. That will never change." This statement, from Dr. Charles P. Nicholson, Jr., Baptist Hospital Trustee and Chairman of the Medical Center Board of Directors, is both a report and a commitment.

Another building in this \$190 million expansion program has recently been completed and occupied. The Clinical Sciences building will house most of the Medical Center's ambulatory services, and has been termed a "medical super-market," where patients may do "one-stop shopping." The building will also accommodate an Ambulatory Surgery Unit, Medical Center administrative offices, and other functions. Nearing completion, is the Day Care Center for children of Medical Center employees. Under construction, is an addition to the MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) building, and a significant addition to the Patient/Visitor Parking Deck. Construction on the Center on Aging building is scheduled to begin in early 1991 with the completion date set for the spring of 1993.

The purpose of all these new facilities, according to hospital president, Len B. Preslar, Jr., is to "enable us to respond to patient needs better than ever before." In addition to continuation and improvement of many established procedures, several new diagnostic and treatment programs have been started recently. The Organ Transplant Program added a new dimension when it performed the first single-lung transplant in North Carolina. Bone marrow transplants are also being performed now in our Baptist Hospital. A Cranio-facial Clinic, to correct major deformities of the skull and upper face during the first year of life, opened recently. New laser technology provides an improved method for clearing out atherosclerotic deposits in the carotid arteries of the neck. New surgical techniques make possible better treatment of complicated retinal detachment. Orthopedic surgeons began use of the Ilizarov Technique for the repair and lengthening of broken bones. New approaches are being used effectively in the treatment of children with Cerebral Palsy. Bowman Gray/Baptist Hospital is the only medical center in the nation using and evaluating Clinodean, a non-narcotic pain killer which has proven effective in controlling pain following surgery and for cancer patients.

Through these various services we provided 210,456 days of care for 22,607 patient admissions last year. In addition to these, there were approximately 388,000 ambulatory patient visits in the various clinics, the Emergency Department, the Day Hospital, and in Ambulatory Surgery. These patients came from all across North Carolina and from thirty-four other states. Also the number of patients being referred to us from foreign countries is increasing as the reputation of the Medical Center spreads throughout the world.

The Department of Pastoral Care continues to strengthen its reputation both as a service agency and as a teaching facility. Last year, the department provided more than 29,000 ministries to hospital patients, almost 19,000 services to families, and more than 14,000 services for hospital and church staff members and their families. The Minister's Care Plan, a joint program with the Baptist State Convention, had 1,446 sessions with more than 200 different clergy families last year. The new Missionary Counseling and Support Services Program saw 48 individuals

in its first six months. The Division of Clinical Pastoral Education/Chaplaincy had 53 students enrolled.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1990, the hospital received \$692,946.24 through the Cooperative Program and \$271,361.24 through the Homes and Hospital Offering and direct gifts. Cooperative Program funds are used for the Department of Pastoral Care, and other church gifts help to provide benevolent care for the financially needy patients. The hospital staff and patients are most grateful for this continuing financial support.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Church

Calvin Knight spoke to the Baptist Hospital Report. We have returned to the Mother's Day special offering for the Baptist Hospital. Today, NCBH is a large complex, with 800 beds and 5,000 employees. It spends 1 million dollars every 30 hours. There has been a slight change in the type of care given. We are now primarily involved in specialized care not provided by community hospitals. We recently performed the first single lung transplant in NC. We began bone marrow transplants recently and repair of cranial/facial deficits from birth defects. Laser is being used to clear out carotid arteries of the neck. We can care for children with cerebral palsy. We are the only hospital using and testing the new drug Clinodean, a non-narcotic pain killer.

One thing hasn't changed, we still give compassionate health care and hope—this will never change.

The most important way we show that we care is to try to meet the spiritual needs of our patients, whether prayer by the surgeon before surgery, or an engineer talking to a small child to cheer him up, or our chaplains who are important to this ministry and are available when the patient's own pastor cannot be available.

We pledge to you that we will continue to minister to the whole body and spirit of our patients.

ANNUAL MESSAGE—SCOTT CHURCH

John 4:28-30. The Woman did not understand about the living water Jesus told her about. She told the town to come see a man and that is what I want us to do today, to "come see a man," and that man is Jesus. The one who was there when the world was created, conceived of a virgin by the Holy Spirit, a man born as a man to redeem men. I believe what the Bible says on this despite the controversy today. He was totally human but also completely God. We need to say to the lost, "come see a man." A witness is of no use unless it has witnessed. I want us to see Jesus as the redeemer today. Jesus' blood can cleanse us from all unrighteousness. He led a sinless life although he was human and did his Father's will continually. There was a conflict of will between every other person in the Bible and God's will, except Jesus, and there is a conflict between our will and God's will today. There should be joy in our hearts and we should strive to find God's will in our lives.

What are your motives: God knows our lives. No one knows us like Jesus does. He stilled the tempest for the disciples and he will still the tempest in our lives. He healed the blind, cast out devils, healed the lame and calls us to Him. Come

see the man who knows all things, and had one purpose in life—death for the redemption of mankind. A man who was beaten, spit upon and slapped for us. Every human being at some time will bow before Him. He is the man that shed His blood for us, died and rose again on the third day, and the man who ascended to the Father and intercedes with the Father for us. He knows our heart's desires and our intentions.

He is the man coming again some day for His redeemed. We should look forward to the day when we will be relieved. He has prepared a place for us. I believe my place is ready and one day he *will* come after me. He sent the Holy Spirit to dwell within us.

He forgives me of my sin, and when I fail to honor Him the way I should. He is our redeemer and our comforter.

Benediction

Adjourn for Lunch

FRIDAY AFTERNOON PROCEEDINGS

Song—"Nothing But the Blood"

Devotion—Charles Craig—John 14:6—Being fed Spiritually. Jesus said, "I am the door," in chapter 10. In this verse He says, "I am the way, the truth and the light."

Bill Morrow spoke on the Children's Homes. What is the greatest thing I know? Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. People really care about the children across the state of North Carolina. Jesus said that the children are important too when He said, "Let the little children come unto me." We want to help the children reach their greatest potential for life and to provide quality care for them. We want them to become all that God wants them to become in Christ Jesus.

Some parents do not know how to parent. Many do not go to church. Only about 2% of the children are orphans. Most are from broken homes. Many parents are alcoholics and that is more important to them than the child.

When a child comes into our care, so do the parents, and must meet with us quarterly. We want to help them to be a family, to get the family back together. Most are teenagers with an average age of 14, because they are so rebellious at that age and many parents cannot cope. The children have not had any responsibility and nothing to do.

Jesus uses us as His instrument to reach these children and we appreciate all your support. We try to use all funds well to minister to children and their families. We promise to be good stewards.

Remember Thanksgiving Offering to the Children's Homes.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION REPORT TO BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS OF NORTH CAROLINA

The historical records of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation will reveal 1989 and 1990 to be significant in its 70 year history. Organized, following action

taken at the 1919 Convention and chartered by the State of North Carolina in 1920 as a charitable corporation, the Trustee agency of the Convention has only in recent years begun to have an impact in providing financial support for Baptist institutions and mission causes.

Charged with the responsibility of creating greater awareness among Baptists within North Carolina concerning estate stewardship as a viable and significant means of providing financial support of Christian endeavors fostered by our churches, the Baptist Foundation assists individuals in the establishment of endowment and trust funds. Through these funds, financial support is provided for the donor's chosen Christian cause or causes on a continuing basis for years to come, long after the donor's death.

The growth of the Foundation, in terms of assets managed, has been significant during the past few years. Since January 1, 1988, the assets placed under management of the Foundation has increased by over \$13 million through May, 1990. This exceeds the asset growth goals set in 1986 for a five year period.

Trust income distributed to Baptist institutions and mission causes 1988 and 1989	\$1,106,930
Trust income distributed to individuals with Baptist causes named as charitable remainderman during 1988 and 1989	\$1,361,836
Assets held in trust and endowment funds as of June 1, 1990 (unaudited)	\$26,167,481
Assets held in trust and endowment funds as of December 31, 1989 (audited)	\$18,133,634

Gifts of appreciated assets, such as stock and real estate, can be placed in trust to generate income for individuals and then pay income to Christian causes beyond their lifetime. As a result of this unique opportunity to give, older adults are realizing the joy of establishing life income trusts. This plan often provides a significant increase in personal income, by-pass of capital gain taxes, creation of a charitable deduction for income tax and estate taxes, and assures an eventual gift to Christian endeavors.

A new home for the Baptist Foundation was built during 1989 and early 1990. The 6,000 square foot office building was constructed from gifts from individuals and is located on property provided by the Baptist State Convention next to the Baptist Building in Cary. The new facility was occupied in February, 1990, and provides much needed space for the work of staff as well as for conferences and meetings. Baptist groups are invited to use the meeting rooms when in the Raleigh/Cary area. We extend an invitation to church groups to call and arrange a visit to the newest building used for the Lord's service by North Carolina Baptists.

The Foundation employs seven full time employees and operates under the direction of a 20-member Board of Directors elected by the Baptist State Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
Edwin S. Coates
Executive Director

Dale Luttrell

Lloyd Culler spoke to the Baptist Foundation Report. Interest on accounts is used to support all the Christian endeavors of the SBC. Trust funds can be set up on the name of anyone you wish to have honored. The funds will be sent to whichever organization you choose.

We must use faithfully what God has given us and some day we will become accountable for it. None of us are wealthy, but we need to find a way to support the work until Jesus returns. We are stewards and must give an account of what we are entrusted with.

Just contact the Baptist Foundation in Cary and they will do the rest and it doesn't cost you anything.

I Corinthians 4:2—those given a trust must prove faithful.

TREASURER REPORT

INTAKE 8/1/89 - 7/31/90

Other	\$1,090.00
Boone Fork	690.00
Doe Ridge	315.00
Laytown	315.00
Mt. Ephriam	600.00
Rock Spring	1,026.00
Sandy Flat	<u>2,414.00</u>
Total	\$6,450.00
Minutes (paid)	245.00
Monthly	537.50

PAID OUT

Director of Missions Salary	\$2,667.50
Travel	377.00
Annuity	624.00
Taxes	<u>752.00</u>
Total	\$4,420.50

OTHER EXPENDITURES

VBS (Literature)	\$ 126.95
P.O. Box/Postage	65.00
New Checks	10.00
Clerk Salary	250.00
Treasurer Salary	250.00
Minutes	<u>493.00</u>
Total	\$1,194.95
Paid back to Baptist State Convention	\$416.16
Total in Account at Present	\$1,523.00

STONY FORK ASSOCIATION PROPOSED BUDGET 1990-1991

Based on an average income of \$540.00 (per month) or (yrly.)	\$6,480.00
Director of Missions Travel Expenses (yrly.)	3,000.00
Director of Missions Annuity (per month) \$52.00 (yrly.)	624.00
Clerical and Miscellaneous	50.00
Clerk	250.00
Treasurer	250.00
Vacation Bible School	150.00
Phone (for better communication in the Assoc.)	100.00
Sunday School	100.00
Discipleship Training	100.00
Evangelism	100.00
Total	\$11,804.00

Will eliminate Post Office Box as treasurer and clerk prefer to receive mail at home.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our associational VBC Clinic was held at Sandy Flat Baptist Church on May 20 with 43 in attendance representing 7 of our churches.

Our theme was, "Share Hope, Reach for Vacation Bible School." The reports that I have received from 6 of our churches show that each church had 5 or 6 sessions of VBS lasting an average of 2 hours each.

Out of the churches reporting, a total of 37 children attended VBS this year that are not enrolled in any Sunday School.

Six of our associational VBS workers went to the State Clinic at Wilkesboro on March 9th, including:

Edith Gryder—Adults
Mary Greene—Younger Children
Donna Triplett—Older Pre-School
Norma Crowder—Middle Pre-School
Barbara West—VBS Director
Sandra Church—Middle Children

If you need our help in arranging a VBS in your church next year, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara West, Assoc. VBS Director

FOREIGN MISIONS REPORT

The Foreign Mission Board has more than 3,750 missionaries assigned to more than 120 countries.

New work has opened up in the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia. There are

now ten missionaries assigned to the Eastern Europe ministries. Two more have recently joined the force and the Missions Board is seeking eighty-eight more.

Also, in Czechoslovakia, Baptists are eager to construct new buildings or renovate old ones in a dozen or more locations. They are dusting off church construction plans that are twenty years old. Leaders say they are finally free to put up buildings without fear of communist reprisal.

Another word about Czechoslovakia, about 1,000 people (a tenth of the audience) expressed interest in accepting Christ as Saviour during a May evangelistic crusade in Prague, led by former American astronaut James Irwin and British Baptist evangelist Vic Jackopson.

More good news of Foreign Missions, more than 1,880 people—a record number—committed themselves to Foreign Missions support or participation during the Foreign Mission Board Report to the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans.

There can't be all good news, so here is a little bad news about the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. By the time the financial books closed in May, Southern Baptists had spent \$80,197,870.78 for the 1989 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. The total for the offering, which provides close to half of the Foreign Mission Board's budget, represented a 1.79 percent increase over 1988 receipt.

It was the highest total ever for the annual offering, generally given in local churches during December.

Still, the total fell short of the 81 million dollar goal, amounting to about 99 percent of the goal. The increase in 1989 also failed to keep pace with the four percent to five percent inflation rate in the U.S. and even higher inflation rates in many countries where Southern Baptist Missionaries work.

To reach the 1990 offering goal of \$86 million, Southern Baptists will need to increase giving by about 7.2 percent.

In June, the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union Executive Board set the 1991 Lottie Moon goal at \$88 million.

Foreign Mission Board trustees meeting in June voted to take about \$800,000 from current cash on hand to make up for the shortfall in the 1989 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. "The full \$81 million goal had been budgeted," said Carl Johnson, Vice-President for Finance. Transfer of the funds will enable the Board to fund all overseas capital projects budgeted. WE NEED TO GET ON WITH THE PROGRAM PEOPLE. (TIME) IS RUNNING OUT FOR THIS WORLD.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We did not reach our Challenge 10/9 goal of enrolling ten thousand in the Southern Baptist Convention, but we did reach some unenrolled people. At the end of 1990, there were 35,354 churches in North Carolina and 3,459 of these churches have Sunday School on Sunday morning. Increasing Sunday School enrollment is an effort to encourage people, "God's people," to reach others for Jesus Christ. Should the lost people have to seek us out? It is the duty and privilege of God's people to go and seek others for Jesus Christ.

That was the main reason for the "Final Four" we held at Rock Spring on May 6, 1990. This rally was to increase our Sunday School attendance.

In October, 1990, we will begin a new program in Sunday School entitled, "Break Through: Reach to Win." I hope we will all work together to promote this and work toward an increase in Sunday School enrollment for the remainder of 1990 and 1991.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Church

2:35 Adjournment

1990 ANNUAL REPORT CHRISTIAN ACTION LEAGUE OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

1. GAMBLING

As this report is being prepared, the battle is still on concerning a state-wide lottery. The gambling industry is well-staffed with its personnel and lobbyists who relentlessly pursue their interests among the members of the General Assembly. Legislators are constantly barraged by one of them to "let the people vote" to put the state into the gambling business.

2. DRUNK DRIVING

Proposals from Governor Jim Martin and even a Legislative Study Committee that would really toughen our drunk driving laws seem to be tied up in a House-Senate Conference Committee. Some well-known Senate Defense attorneys are determined to keep anything of real substance from passing.

The pending legislation calls for:

- a. The lowering of the breathalyzer blood alcohol level from .10 to .08;
- b. The banning of open containers of all alcoholic beverages in motor vehicles;
- c. Increasing the civil revocation of drivers' licenses from 10 to 30 days; (North Carolina is the only state in the nation with less than a 30-day loss of driving privileges for registering a .10 or above on the breathalyzer.)
- d. Increasing the fines for being convicted of drunk driving; (In 1947 the minimum fine was \$100, and it is still the same 43 years later.)

3. ABORTION

- a. Because of the outstanding work of Representative "Skip" Stam of Wake County, the House voted to reduce the state's abortion fund from \$400,000 to \$100,000. These remaining funds could not be used for abortion as a means of birth control. They could only be utilized for abortion when the mother's life is endangered, or in cases that result from rape or incest. However, the Senate voted to leave the funding at its current rate, so the measure is now tied up in a conference committee.

- b. A parental consent proposal overwhelmingly passed the House requiring a parent's approval before an abortion could be performed on a minor. (Such consent is required before a school official can give an aspirin to a student, but such consent is not required for a minor to receive an abortion.) But it appears that the Senate will not approve this measure.

4. MISCELLANEOUS

Other legislative proposals such as raising the tax on alcoholic beverages, requiring the teaching in public schools of sexual abstinence outside of marriage to combat the teenage pregnancy problem, and making the possession of child pornography a felony were considered but were side-tracked by the Senate. Incidentally, the tax on beer has not been increased in North Carolina since 1969. This reveals how strong the beer lobbyists are.

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

In the past year, the League has successfully assisted in alcoholic beverage campaigns in places such as Hertford County, Pamlico County, Concord, Lumberton, Manteo, Randleman, Waynesville, etc. in their efforts to defeat various referenda such as liquor-by-the-drink and beer/wine sales.

We have sought to keep the Christian community informed on moral and ethical issues through our publication *Tomorrow*, and through speaking in churches, pastor's conferences, and civic clubs.

Thank you for your prayer and financial support in our ministry of applied Christianity.

Coy C. Privette
Executive Director

Joe S. Lennon
President

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Smith

PROCEEDINGS SATURDAY MORNING—AUGUST 11, 1990 SANDY FLAT BAPTIST CHURCH

The moderator, George Berry called the Stony Fork Association to order for the second day of the annual meeting at 9 o'clock.

Song: "Trust and Obey"—Charles Smith

Devotion—Max West—John 3:16—The most important thing in the world today is a human being.

Roll Call	
Bailey Camp	4
Boone Fork	6
Doe Ridge	3
Laytown	4
Long Ridge	2
Mt. Ephriam	0
Rock Spring	4
Sandy Flat	4
Other	1
Total	28

TEMPERANCE AND MORALS REPORT

Speaker Lt. Hank Lane from Lenoir

There are two ways of life today, ours and the violent side, the side that has strayed, seeking gold, silver, oil, etc. Society tends to not want to get involved, pass no judgements. Many people have no parenting skills. Parents are abdicating the training and care of their children to others, school, church, law, etc.

Children face things we never even thought about. Movies and T.V. show drugs as being cute and funny but they are not funny, they are deadly. Drug dealers are often shown as sleazy, when in reality they are usually a kid's best friend.

Some kids are beginning to take responsibility in their classrooms and we are beginning to see a slight turnaround in children.

Most criminals have come from dysfunctional homes and have suffered physical, emotional and even sexual abuses. So much domestic violence today goes back to abuse of a decade ago. Children don't know who they are, no identity because they may have several sets of parents and step-parents. We must give them the strength to say no and teach them responsibility for their actions. We are all put on this earth for a reason, to help one another.

STATE MISSIONS

North Carolina is a mission field. We may think all mission fields are in foreign countries but our own state has so many needs for mission work.

Our North Carolina State Missions offering goes to support Christain education, Fruitland Baptist Institute—which has helped and continues to help so many of our pastors—N.C Baptist Men, Caswell Capital Funds, and the Christian Action League. This offering also helps start new churches, such as churches for the deaf and other special groups. I know of one such church built in Hickory for the deaf and I know the pastor, Mr. Jess Bowman, as I have a deaf niece who goes to the church and it means a lot to her to have a place where she can worship.

So many of our churches are small and can only give a little but added together it goes further to support our State Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosetta Hollifield

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

How are we doing? In the two days that we gather for the annual meeting, we have heard from many of our Baptist agencies across the state. Some of the reports were encouraging and we nodded and looked proud and said, "amen." Other reports were less encouraging and we sat quietly and looked a little blank and worried. But how are we here in the hills doing? If we look at our work with a critical eye, how does it look?

The answer—not too bad. I have kept records for the past four years on the amounts our churches have received from our members and what percentage of that income has gone to mission work. For that period, about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the income of the churches has gone to mission work outside the churches. As an association, we have not forgotten to reach out with helping hands, healing hands, and the good news about Jesus.

In the last few months, we have seen our churches responding generously and graciously to a request for funds for the Brazil Partnership and I can report that after the current mission trip by Rev. Scott Church, that it appears that there will still be funds remaining to apply to the next endeavor. My thanks to each of you and your individual church members for your efforts.

The less cheerful side of this picture is that the amount given to the churches over the last four years has remained constant or dropped off slightly. Ask yourself what has been the possible cause of this. In considering how I think and how human nature is, I have reached this conclusion, that most people *give to fill the need*. When our members feel that the need has been filled, they are less concerned with their giving.

If I am correct in this evaluation of our members, the burden is then placed square on the shoulders of those of us here today to carry away from this meeting, a message to our people. We need to make them know that as long as there is a hungry child, an uncared for old person, a broken home, or especially a man, woman, boy or girl who has not been told about Jesus, then the work is not finished and the need remains.

Respectfully submitted,
Roy Gryder

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

Church training has had a name change. Our new name is Discipleship Training. In the Southern Baptist Convention, we saw a 1.6% increase in the year of 1989. Our enrollment is 2,026,000. Discipleship Training in North Carolina saw a slight increase as well.

Long Ridge Church, in our association, began a Discipleship Training Program this year. Rock Spring Church did some short-term training sessions. We have three churches with on-going training programs.

"M" Night was held at Boone Fork Church with 6 churches represented. Our speaker was Maurice Cooper, the Director of Discipleship Training Department of the Baptist State Convention.

The Associational Church Training Team attended a training session at Ridgecrest in November. I would like to encourage each church with Discipleship

Training to continue with their programs, and to those churches with no training program, I would encourage you to consider starting one.

If you have a short-term training session in your church, be sure to report this on the church letter.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Craig

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION REPORT

Matthew 25:40—"And the King shall answer and say unto them, verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

The WMU goal for last year was to reach, teach and touch people for Christ. I think that our ladies did a good job in telling our people what missionaries are doing and what Missions is all about. They all took part in sending money to the Home and Foreign Missions as well as State Missions.

We had a prayer retreat in Blowing Rock. There were ladies from all five of our WMU's in attendance plus several ladies from Three Forks Association. We have been able to see prayers answered from this retreat.

We had a full team to attend a leadership workshop at Fruitland last year.

Respectfully submitted,
Eunice Luttrell

ANNUAL MESSAGE

Max West

ADJUSTING OUR AIM—

1. What is our target anyway? Matthew 28:16-20. Jesus gives us the commission to go into all the world and teach them. We are missing the target in carrying the gospel of Jesus Christ as in Acts 1:8.
2. Whose responsibility is it to carry the gospel of Jesus Christ? Some think it is the pastor's responsibility but it is yours and mine as a Christian. We are all to be evangelists. Luke 19:13—Jesus said, "occupy until I come again."
3. What is causing us to miss the target if we are? Hebrews 12:1-3—What is in our lives that is causing us to miss the mission of our lives? Let us lay aside the sin that is besetting us. There may be other weights holding us down that need to be layed down so we can run the race we are in. Other things that cause us to miss the target—we know to do good, and what to do, but don't do it. We live in a society of pleasures, and these should not become our goals. Personal goals can become weights to hinder us. Fear of rejection is another weight but God called us to plant the seed. We lack commitment to be the Christians we should be. We are more committed to our jobs, clubs and social activities. Another hinderance could be called church-going and church meetings, causing us to lose sight of our target. If the training we receive doesn't go any further than to us, why get the training? Why study the word of God if that is the end of it. We say prayers when we ought to pray prayers.

4. Why do we need to hit the target to fulfill our mission as Christians? Look unto Jesus the author and finisher of our life. He should be an example. We have taken our eyes off the goal that God has called us to do. We are in the finishing hours of the age when Jesus comes to get His church. To hit the target, we need to get our eyes back on Jesus, get rid of the things in our lives and churches that cause us to be bogged down with church-going things. Jesus is our example on how to love one another, our neighbors and those that are in the ditches, the worst sinner we can imagine. Jesus set us an example of endurance, giving his life for our sins, enduring the pain and suffering.

Every one of us wants to be able to say we have fought the good fight and have done our best when we meet Jesus. Jesus said, "occupy until I come."

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT

Burl Jones

I appreciate the privilege to serve you and the work I do. It is my desire to be faithful in serving you. I need your prayers. I feel better because we decided to stop the funds from the SBC. Sometimes we are hindered from doing our best because of things that have happened in the past. We have to keep on working together and encouraging one another. We need one another, the whole team.

GENERAL BOARD REPORT

Roy Gryder

Most activities have been housekeeping. No major problems or controversy have come before the Board. The new Visitors Center at Caswell was dedicated last fall.

OBITUARIES

Boone Fork	Mrs. Esther Viena Pitts
Doe Ridge	Mrs. Grace Williams
Sandy Flat	Mrs. Lavaughn Moody

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Mills, Clerk

RESOLUTIONS

Let it be resolved that the Stony Fork Association expresses its thanks and appreciation to Rock Spring and Sandy Flat Baptist Churches for their hospitality and delicious food.

We also appreciate the wonderful Christain fellowship and the excellent speakers and reports we have heard. Also, we recognize Mr. and Mrs. Scott Church for their sacrifices for Scott to go to Brazil on the Mission trip.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Woods

EXECUTIVE REPORT

Election of Officers See beginning of minutes
for officers and presenters of reports

Old Business None

New Business None

Adjournment

Benediction

STONY FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
History and Historical Table

HISTORY AND HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Churches	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1862	Zions Gate Meeting House, Wilkes Co.	Larkin Hodges	Larkin Pipes	Elder Larkin Hodge
1863	Yellow Hill	Larkin Hodges	Larkin Pipes	Wilson Bradshaw
1864	Minutes were not printed, manuscript got lost.			
1865	Mt. Ephriam	Larkin Hodges	J. R. Hodges	Joseph Harrison
1866	South Fork	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	Larkin Hodges
1867	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	J. R. Carlton
1868	Union	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	James Parsons
1869	Stony Fork	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	W. H. Phillips
1870	Old Field	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	William Wilcox
1871	Elk	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	James Parsons
1872	Mt. Vernon	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	J. R. Carlton
1873	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	Larkin Hodges
1874	Yellow Hill	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	James Parsons
1875	Laurel Fork	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Levi Wilson
1876	Stony Fork	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Larkin Hodges
1877	Poplar Grove	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	James Parsons
1878	Old Field	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	J. R. Carlton
1879	Elk	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Monroe Gragg
1880	Mt. Vernon	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Monroe Gragg
1881	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	Levi Wilson
1882	Mt. Ephriam	J. F. Eller	John R. Hodges	James Parsons
1883	Yellow Hill	J. F. Eller	Elijah Trivett	Larkin Hodges
1884	Boones Fork	Larkin Hodges	Thomas Pipes	Larkin Pipes
1885	Buffalo Cove	J. F. Eller	Thomas Pipes	J. F. Eller
1886	Stony Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1887	Union	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	David Eller
1888	Laurel Fork	James Parsons	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1889	Poplar Grove	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	John F. Eller
1890	Mt. Vernon	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1891	Watauga	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1892	Mt. Paran	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1893	Boones Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	S. T. Carroll
1894	Yellow Hill	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	John F. Eller
1895	New River	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Geo. W. Trivett
1896	Elk	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1897	Laurel Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1898	Buffalo Cove	J. C. Miller	Wm. M. Lee	J. F. Davis
1899	Mt. Vernon	E. M. Gragg	R. H. Pipes	J. J. I. Sherwood
1900	Watauga	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	D. C. Harman
1901	Stony Fork	J. C. Miller	Wm. M. Lee	John Crisp
1902	Poplar Grove	J. C. Miller	A. J. Shull	J. C. Blaylock
1903	Boones Fork	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1904	Mt. Ephriam	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	F. M. Gragg
1905	Mt. Paran	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1906	Yellow Hill	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Asa Brown
1907	New River	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	J. F. Davis
1908	Middle Cane	James F. Church	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1909	Elk	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1910	Laurel Fork	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1911	Mt. Vernon	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	D. M. Wheeler
1912	Poplar Grove	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	R. F. Wilcox
1913	Watauga	Thos. L. Day	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1914	Mt. Ephriam	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1915	Boones Fork	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	D. M. Wheeler
1916	Rock Springs	B. F. Wilcox	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1917	Mt. Paran	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1918	Due to the outbreak of influenza no Association was held.			
1919	Yellow Hill	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	B. F. Wilcox
1920	Mt. Vernon	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1921	Laurel Fork	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	D. M. Wheeler
1922	Watauga	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	Oscar Dellinger
1923	Poplar Grove	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1924	Boones Fork	B. F. Wilcox	J. Amos Hampton	W. D. Ashley
1925	Mt. Ephriam	B. F. Wilcox	J. Amos Hampton	J. A. Hampton
1926	Rock View	D. M. Wheeler	J. Amos Hampton	G. M. Watson

1927 Elk	D. M. Wheeler	R. F. Wilcox	A. C. Hamby
1928 Watauga	D. M. Wheeler	B. F. Wilcox	B. F. Wilcox
1929 Sandy Flat	D. M. Wheeler	B. F. Wilcox	G. M. Watson
1930 Middle Cane	W. D. Ashley	B. F. Wilcox	Linney Barnes
1931 Laurel Fork	W. D. Ashley	B. F. Wilcox	B. F. Wilcox
1932 New Hopewell	G. M. Watson	B. F. Wilcox	J. T. McGuire
1933 Yellow Hill	B. F. Wilcox	Roy Keller	G. M. Watson
1934 Mt. Vernon	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	R. H. Shore
1935 Grandmother Gap	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	W. J. Cook
1936 Mt. Ephriam	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	Carl Triplett
1937 Mt. View	B. F. Wilcox	G. M. Watson	Raymond Hendrix
1938 Watauga	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	W. D. Ashley
1939 Laurel Fork	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	W. J. Cook
1940 Bailey Camp	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	G. M. Watson
1941 Sandy Flat	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	Roy Keller
1942 New Hopewell	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	B. F. Wilcox
1943 Boones Fork	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	W. B. Bryant
1944 Watauga	N. L. Harrison	W. M. Brown	Frank Knight
1945 Laytown	N. L. Harrison	W. M. Brown	W. D. Ashley
1946 Mt. Vernon	G. M. Watson	W. M. Brown	W. D. Ashley
1947 Yellow Hill	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Roscoe Greene
1948 No Minutes, Manuscript lost at printers. Held with Doe Ridge Church.			
1949 Mt. Paran	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Roscoe Greene
1950 Rock Springs	Theo Hendrix	N. L. Harrison	R. L. Barnes
1951 New Hopewell	Theo Hendrix	N. L. Harrison	Barney Oliver
1952 Boones Fork	G. M. Watson	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1953 East Flats	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	R. L. Barnes
1954 Mt. Ephriam	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Lloyd J. Ouller
1955 Bailey Camp	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	W. J. Cook
1956 Laurel Fork	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	W. M. Brown
1957 Mt. Vernon and Sandy Flat	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1958 Laytown and Rock Springs	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	Carson Eggers
1959 New Hopewell and Long Ridge	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1960 Mt. Paran and Boones Fork	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	Wendell Critcher
1961 Watauga and Yellow Hill	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	Dupree Gowan
1962 Mt. Ephriam and Sandy Flat	Carson Eggers	Miss Winifred Hampton	Roby McNeil
1963 Doe Ridge and Rock Springs	Carson Eggers	Miss Winifred Hampton	W. M. Brown
1964 Bailey's Camp Boones Fork	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	Wm. Quinn
1965 Laurel Fork Laytown	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	W. M. Brown
1966 Longridge Mt. Paran	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Phillip Martin
1967 Mt. Vernon New Hopewell	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Lyle (Pete) Vannoy
1968 Rock Springs Sandy Flat	A. C. Moody	Mrs. Clark Storie	Basil Tester
1969 Baileys Camp Boones Fork	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	E. O. Bustle
1970 Laurel Fork Doe Ridge	Lewis Hodge	Mrs. Clark Storie	A. C. Moody
1971 Laytown Longridge	Lewis Hodges	Mrs. Max West	Rayner Matheson
1972 Mt. Ephriam Mount Paran	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Lewis Hodge
1973 Mt. Vernon New Hopewell	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Herring Crisp
1974 Rock Springs Sandy Flat	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	David Austin
1975 Yellow Hill Bailey's Camp	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Archie Clawson
1976 Boones Fork Doe Ridge	Merle Johnson	Mrs. Max West	Raymond Turbyfill
1977 Laurel Fork Laytown	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Sherrill Welborn
	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Gurney Robbins
		Barbara West	A. C. Moody
			Everette Watson
			Sherrill Welborn
			Merle Johnson
			Dale Milstead
			Dean Hodges
			Max West
			A. C. Moody
			Lloyd Hoilman
			Raymond Hendrix
			Max West

1978 Long Ridge	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Philip Martin
Mount Ephriam	Charles Craig	Barbara West	A.C. Moody
1979 Mount Vernon	Max West	Barbara West	Harold Bean
1979 Boone Fork	Max West	Barbara West	Harold Danner
1980 Mount Paron	Max West	Barbara West	Jim Lambert
1980 New Hopewell	Max West	Barbara West	Burl Jones
1981 Rock Spring	Max West	Barbara West	Cannon Ward
1981 Sandy Flat	Max West	Barbara West	Jim Lambert
1982 Watauga	Max West	Barbara West	Jack White
1982 Bailey Camp	Max West	Barbara West	Cecil Gragg
1983 Boone Fork	Jack White	Barbara West	Burl Jones
1983 Doe Ridge	Jack White	Barbara West	J.R. Robbins
1984 Laurel Fork	Jack White	Linda Mills	Jack White
Laytown	Jack White	Linda Mills	Ed Greene
1985 Long Ridge	J.R. Robbins	Linda Mills	Scott Church
Mount Ephriam	J.R. Robbins	Linda Mills	Ed Greene
1986 Rock Spring	J.R. Robbins	Linda Mills	Scott Church
Sandy Flat	J.R. Robbins	Linda Mills	Max West
1987 Bailey Camp	J.R. Robbins	Linda Mills	Greg Mathis
1987 Boone Fork	J.R. Robbins	Linda Mills	Everett Little
1988 Doe Ridge	Scott Church	Linda Mills	Kenneth Ridings
1988 Laytown	Scott Church	Linda Mills	Carter Moretz
1989 Long Ridge	Scott Church	Linda Mills	Alex Booth
1989 Mt. Ephriam	Scott Church	Linda Mills	Carter Moretz
1990 Rock Spring	George Berry	Linda Mills	Scott Church
1990 Sandy Flat	George Berry	Linda Mills	Max West

The churches, Buffalo Cove, Cool Springs, Wilkes County Elk, Stony Fork and Yellow Hill, formerly belonging to other associations.

Met at the Stony Fork Baptist Church and organized the Stony Fork Baptist Association on November 9th and 10th, 1860, for this meeting appointed Elder Larkin Hodges, Moderator and Bro. Elijah Trivette, Clerk.

STONY FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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Table B—Sunday School

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Table C—Church Training

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Table D—Music Ministry

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Table E—Woman's Missionary Union

TABLE E WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION		YEAR ENDING <u>July 31, 1990</u>	99
Association Stony Fork		(Month & Day)	
State North Carolina			
Associational WMU Director Eunice Luttrell			
Address Rt. 1, Box 650		City Blowing Rock, N.C.	State N.C.
			Zip 28605
CHURCHES	WMU DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)		Mission Friends (5 years and under—not in school)
Boone Fork	Rosetta Hollifield, Rt. 1, Box 597, Blowing Rock, N.C. 28605		0
Laytown	Vera Dula, Rt. 1, Box 102, Ferguson, N.C. 28624		0
Long Ridge	Norma Jean Crowder		0
Rock Spring	Linda Church, Rt. 1, Box 120, Purlear, N.C. 28665		1
Sandy Flat	Barbara West, Rt. 1, Blowing Rock, N.C. 28605		0
		TOTALS	1
		PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS	

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Table F—Brotherhood

TABLE F BROTHERHOOD		YEAR ENDING <u>July 31, 1990</u>	114
Association Stony Fork		(Month & Day)	
State North Carolina			
Associational Brotherhood Director Dennis Oakes, Rt. 2, Ferguson, N.C.		28624	
Address		City	State
			Zip
CHURCHES	BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)		Lads (6-8 years or grades 1-3)
Rock Spring	Dennis Oakes, Rt. 2, Ferguson, N.C. 28624		
		TOTALS	
		PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS	

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100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113
Number of Organizations						Enrollment							
16-11 years or grades 1-6)	Acteens (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Baptist Young Women (18-29 years or H.S. graduation through 29 years)	Baptist Women (30 and over)	Mission(s) of church	Total number of organizations	Mission Friends (5 years and under – not in school)	Girls in Action (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	Acteens (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Baptist Young Women (18-29 years or H.S. graduation through 29 years)	Baptist Women (30 and over)	WMU officers	Mission(s) of church	Total ongoing WMU enrollment
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0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	5	1	10	3	0	19
0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	6	2	7	2	0	17
1	1	0	1	0	4	2	4	4	0	9	1	0	20
0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	7
1	3	0	5	0	10	2	4	15	3	35	10	0	69

115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123
Crusaders (9-11 years or grades 4-6)	Pioneers (12-14 years or grades 7-9)	RA director and committee	High school Baptist Young Men enrollment	Baptist Young Men enrollment	Baptist Men enrollment	Brotherhood director and other general Brotherhood Officers	Enrollment of mission(s) of church	Total ongoing Brotherhood enrollment
	7							7
	7							7

Table G—Total Receipts, Local Expenditures & Stewardship

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Table H—Mission Expenditures

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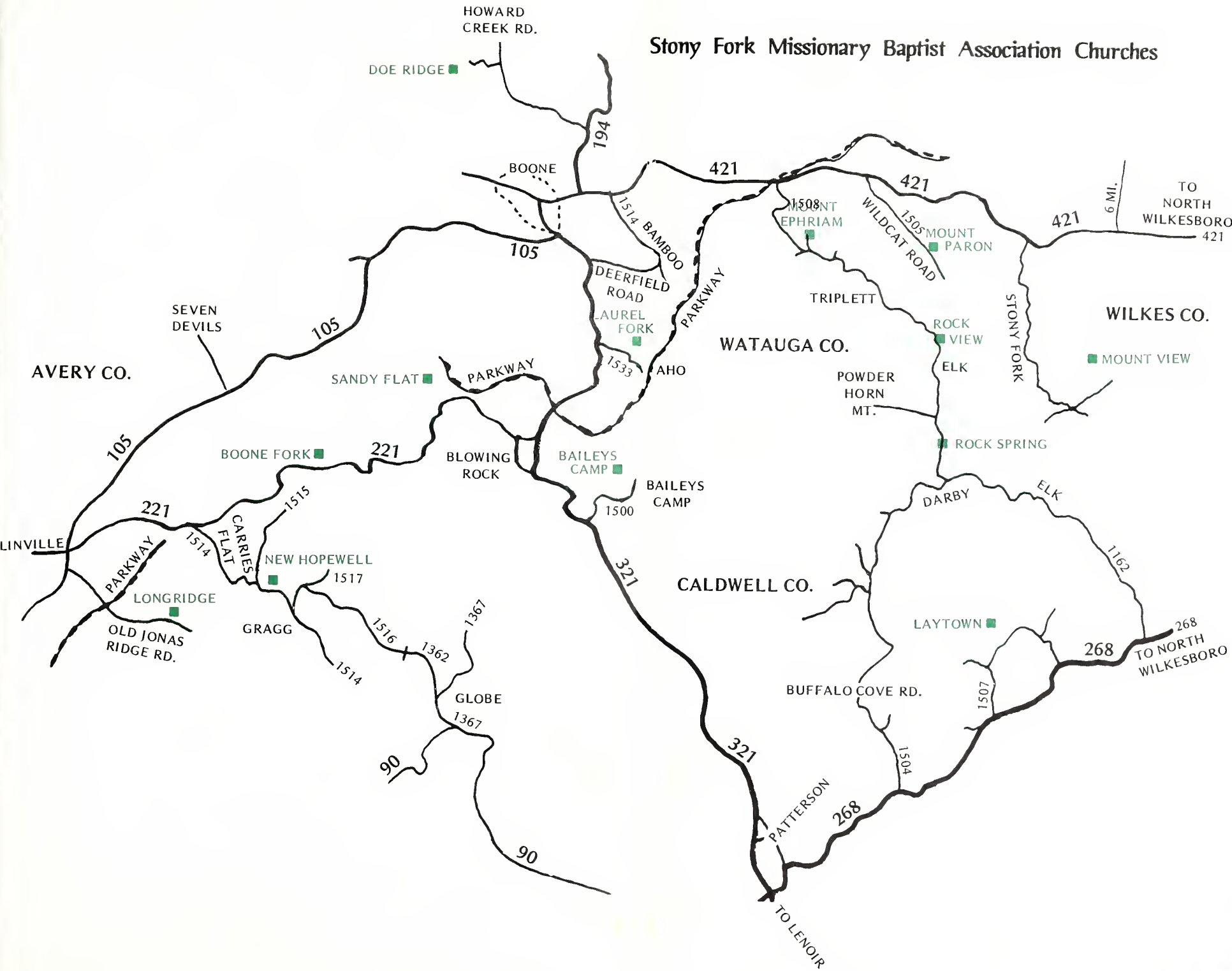
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Stony Fork Missionary Baptist Association Churches





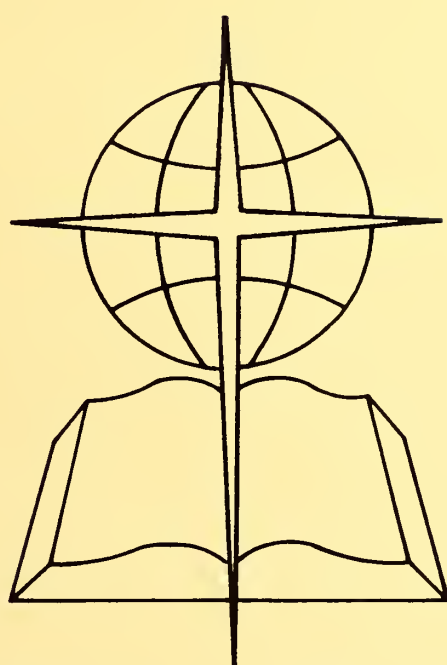




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MINUTES
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NORTH CAROLINA
1991
ONE HUNDRED THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION**
Held with
Bailey's Camp, August 9, 1991
and with
Boone Fork, August 10, 1991

The one hundred and thirty-first session will be held with Doe Ridge on August 7, 1992 and Laytown on August 8, 1992.

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SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1992 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STONY FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 7, 1992
DOE RIDGE

8:30	Call to Order	Moderator
8:35	Song	Song Leader
8:40	Devotion	Pastor of Host Church
8:50	Adoption of Program	Moderator
9:00	Roll Call	Clerk
9:05	Recognition of New Pastors & Workers	Moderator
9:10	VBS	Barbara West
9:15	Foreign Missions	Scott Church
9:25	Sunday School	Danny Crowder
9:30	Cooperative Program	Pauline Berry
9:40	Evangelism	George Berry
9:50	Finance Report — Budget	Edith Gryder
10:00	Break	
10:10	Home Missions	Vera Dula
10:25	State Missions	Wanda Winkler
10:40	Children's Homes	Jeri Triplett
10:55	Retirement Homes	Mamie Craig
11:10	Baptist Hospital	Linda Church
11:25	Christian Education	Edith Gryder
11:40	Baptist Foundation	Dale Luttrell
11:55	Stewardship	Speaker
12:10	Annual Message	Speaker
1:00	Adjourn — Lunch	

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 8, 1992
LAYTOWN

8:30	Call to Order	Moderator
8:35	Song	Song Leader
8:40	Devotion	Pastor of Host Church
8:50	Roll Call	Clerk
8:55	Biblical Recorder	Lloyd Buckner
9:05	Discipleship Training	Charles Craig

9:15	WMJ	Eunice Luttrell
9:25	Temperance & Morals — CAL	Sharon Craig
9:40	Director of Missions	Burl Jones
9:50	General Board Report	Roy Gryder
9:55	Stewardship Report	Roy Gryder
10:00	Break	
10:10	Resolutions	Betty Woods
10:15	Obituaries	Clerk
10:20	Business	
	Election of officers	
	Approve budget	
	Discuss bylaws, time, place preacher	
11:00	Annual Message	Speaker
12:00	Adjourn — Lunch	

OFFICERS FOR STONY FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1991 - 1992

Director of Missions	Burl Jones, Rt. 1, Box 737, Boomer, NC 28606
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Moderator	George Berry, Rt. 1, Box 318, Sugar Grove, NC 28679
	Telephone: 704-297-1223
Treasurer	Edith Gryder, Rt. 1, Box 182, Blowing Rock, NC 28605
	Telephone: 704-295-3410
Clerk	Linda Mills, Rt. 1, Box 596, Blowing Rock, NC 28605
	Telephone: 704-295-7095
WMJ Director	Eunice Luttrell, Rt. 1, Box 650, Blowing Rock, NC 28605
	Telephone: 704-295-7732
Sunday School Director	Danny Crowder
Discipleship Training	Charles Craig, Rt. 3, Box 730, Boone, NC 28607
	Telephone: 704-963-4120
Brotherhood Director	Dennis Oaks, Rt. 2, Ferguson, NC 28624
Evangelism Director	George Berry, Rt. 1, Box 318, Sugar Grove, NC 28679
	Telephone: 704-297-1223
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CONSTITUTION

OF THE STONY FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION (PROPOSED)

PREAMBLE

For the declaration of its fundamental purposes and the permanent guidance and control of its activities, the body does adopt the following as its constitution, to wit:

ARTICLE I—Name and Membership

Section 1. This body shall be known as the Stony Fork Missionary Baptist Association of North Carolina.

Section 2. The Association shall be composed of Missionary Baptist Churches.

Section 3. Any Baptist Church may be admitted into this Association upon recommendation of the Committee of Petitionary Letters and Constitution of the Churches Committee and the majority vote of members present at any meeting as prescribed in Article IX.

Section 4. Any Church at her discretion, may withdraw from this body.

Section 5. This Association may at any meeting, after an investigation and report of a duly authorized committee of the Association, by a majority vote declare a dissolution of union with any church deemed corrupt, either in doctrine or practice.

Section 6. Each church shall elect its messengers to the Annual Associational meeting. Each messenger must be certified in the annual church letter to the Association and must be appointed on the following ratio: Five messengers, in addition to the pastor, for each church having a membership not exceeding fifty, and one additional messenger for each increase of fifty. In no case shall the total number of messengers exceed ten for any given church, in addition to the pastor.

Section 7. When any church shall fail to be represented by letter or messenger for two consecutive years, the missions committee shall confer with church, and if satisfactory reason is not given, and there is no evidence that said church wishes to keep alive their affiliation with the Association, the committee shall bring its findings to the next Executive Committee Meeting, the Association shall at that time by a majority of present members shall vote to withdraw fellowship. The Association recognizes the right of any affiliated church to withdraw its fellowship from the Association.

Section 8. The Annual Associational meeting shall convene on Friday at 9:00 a.m., Recess from 12:00 noon to 1:10 p.m. for the noon meal and adjourn on or before 4:00 p.m. It shall reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and adjourn at the completion of business for the noon meal. This following the first Sunday in August.

ARTICLE II—Purpose

Section 1. The prime purpose of the Association shall be to counsel together for the enlargement and strengthening of God's kingdom and to promote unity and growth among the churches composing it.

Section 2. It shall be the purpose of this Association to enlist all of the churches into full cooperation with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention and their agencies in the work of missions, evangelism, christian education and social service.

ARTICLE III—Powers and Perogatives

Section 1. The Association, when convened in meeting, shall sit as an advisory council and shall have no power to infringe on any of the internal rights or affairs of the member churches. It may advise however, with the member churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption or rejection.

Section 2. When grievances occur between any member of minority group of any church which is a member of the Association, the Association, the Executive Committee, or Missions Committee, or the committee designated by and acting for either of these bodies, may advise or give aid in matters which do not infringe on the rights of the local church, and this only on the invitation of the individual or group involved.

Section 3. Any church found unfaithful to the faith and practices common to the Association, as outlined in Addendum I—ARTICLES OF FAITH (The Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963) shall be encouraged to correct such errors, if the conduct of said church is not corrected and is of such nature as to alienate said church from the orderly and faithful churches of the Association, the Executive Committee of the Association can recommend that fellowship be withdrawn from said church, and upon a majority vote of the messengers in an Annual session, fellowship with such church can be withdrawn. (See Article I, Section 7)

ARTICLE IV—The Executive Committee

Section 1. The Association shall have an Executive Committee to serve as the Association between Annual Meetings, assisting in the overall work of the Association with such limitations as may be imposed by the constitution.

Section 2. The Executive committee shall be composed of the Associational officers and the Pastors, and the Chairman of Deacons along with two elected lay persons from each church. Sixteen members shall constitute a quorum. The names of these persons shall be furnished annually to the Associational Clerk, if changes occur during the Associational year, these changes shall be forwarded to the Clerk.

Section 3. At the beginning of each Executive Committee Meeting, a roll call will be taken of each church and its representatives.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall meet within two weeks after the Annual Associational Meeting, the second Sunday of November, March, and July. These meetings shall be held in churches of the Association, consecutively, in Alphabetical order.

ARTICLE V—Officers

Section 1. The officers of this body shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Brotherhood Director, W.M.U. Director, Vacation Bible School Director, Music Director, Pianist, Evangelism Director, and Youth Coordinator.

Section 2. The officers of the Association shall be elected at each regular Annual Associational Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall fill vacancies that may occur in their respective categories between annual meetings of the association by bringing names to the Executive Committee for their approval.

Section 3. By the virtue of the office, the Associational Director of Missions is considered an ex-officio member of all Associational Committees. For all qualifications and terms of office see Article VII, Section 1.

ARTICLE VI—Duties of Officers

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator of the Association to preside over the Annual Sessions, special sessions, and at the quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee. As the presiding officer, he shall open the meetings punctually at the appointed time, enforce the rules, preserve order, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage. He shall provide leadership for a progressive ideal throughout the association. He shall be elected for a one year term, and he shall not succeed himself for a maximum of two full terms. He shall appoint in advance any other committees he may deem necessary or advisable. Each of these committees shall report at the Annual Meeting for which they are appointed. It shall be the responsibility of the Moderator to call any needed meetings at any time he deems necessary. The Moderator is considered an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to discharge the duties of the Moderator in his absence or at his request.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Association in regular and special sessions; to keep accurate records of quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee; to keep on file the printed minutes and other important documents belonging to the Association; to furnish the churches with the blank letter forms on which to make the annual reports to the association; to superintend the printing of the minutes, and to distribute them to the churches as soon after adjournment as possible. For this service the clerk shall be paid annually an amount recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the association.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds of the association and to disburse the same in accordance with the budget of the association or for the purposes for which the funds were contributed. To render to the association an itemized report of the receipts and disbursements at the first session of the annual meeting. In the treasurers absence a member of the Finance Committee shall give the report. The Treasurer shall make available through the associational newsletter a quarterly report including the contributions of each church in the association. A quarterly report shall be made available at the quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee. For this service, the treasurer shall be paid annually an amount recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the association.

Section 5. The Sunday School Director shall take the initiative in promoting inspirational meetings, study courses, and leadership classes for the churches of the association. He shall work in cooperation with the denominational Sunday School Agencies in promoting the denominational programs; and he will be responsible for coordinating and promoting Vacation Bible School work in conjunction with the Vacation Bible Director. He shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for his organization.

Section 6. The Church Training Director shall take the initiative in promoting the regular meetings projected by the State Convention and be available to the churches for help in strengthening the established unions and encourage the organization of new unions in churches without them. He shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for his organization.

Section 7. The Brotherhood Director shall be responsible for promoting missionary education within our association and be available to the churches to assist in strengthening organizations and programs of existing units. He shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for his organization.

Section 8. The WMU Director shall be responsible for promoting missionary

education within our association and she shall be available to the churches to assist in promoting and establishing new Baptist Women and Baptist Women Auxiliary units, and shall assist in strengthening the organizations and programs of existing units. She shall also work with the Nomination Committee in enlisting leadership for her organization.

Section 9. The Vacation Bible Director shall work in conjunction with the Associational Sunday School Director in enlisting and training workers, planning and organizing for the annual Vacation Bible School Clinic.

Section 10. The Music Director shall take the initiative in promoting the meetings and activities suggested by the state music leadership and be available to the churches to help in strengthening their music programs. The music director will also be responsible for the music at the Associational and Executive Committee Meetings. He shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for his organization.

Section 11. The Pianist will be responsible for playing the piano at all Associational and Executive Committee meetings.

Section 12. The Evangelism Chairman will work with the Evangelism programs in planning, promoting, and coordinating all Evangelistic activities for the association in conjunction with the Director of Missions.

ARTICLE VII—Director of Missions

Statement of Purpose and Position Title:

The office or position will be known as the Director of Missions for the Stony Fork Missionary Baptist Association. The Director of Missions shall provide responsible leadership in the work of the association through performing such basic functions as the planning, correlation, and implementation of programs, program services, and ministries of the association; counsel the churches; agencies of needs, problems, and potentialities within the association; and interpret to the churches the program resources and other assistance available from the Baptist State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

Section 1. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Planning and Coordination

1. Lead the association in strategy planning; establishing and maintaining a long-range program. Lead the association to set goals and encourage the churches to work toward them.

2. Coordinate the associational work and meetings by serving as ex-officio member of all committees.

3. Work with program officers and the Nominating Committee in selecting and enlisting leaders for organizations and committees of the association.

4. Counsel, encourage, and lead in training the associational officers.

B. Education and Promotion

1. Seek to assist the pastors and the churches in programs suitable for their growth and development, recognizing the differences in size and diversity of membership, utilizing persuasion to promote fellowship and cooperation.

2. Seek out in cooperation with the Missions Committee places of missions need and seek to enlist an appropriate church to meet these needs. In the event no church(es) can be enlisted, upon the instruction of the Missions Committee, the Director of Missions may lead in such a program in the name of the Stony Fork Baptist Association.

3. Promote church organizational programs: Sunday School, Church Training,

Church Music, Brotherhood, WMU, and Vacation Bible School and Leadership Training.

4. Promote church assistance programs: Evangelism, Stewardship, and Family Life.

5. Plan for and promote simultaneous efforts, such as: World Missions Conferences, revival crusades, enlargement campaigns, training schools, etc.

6. Prepare in cooperation with the Missions Committee an annual associational calendar. Prepare a monthly associational newsletter for distribution in the association.

7. Attend denominational meetings and conferences as budget and time considerations permit.

8. Report to the executive boards at its regular meetings and to the association in annual session.

C. Service Ministry

1. Provide counsel and help as requested by pastors and churches.

2. Serve as pulpit supply, assist in church surveys, and conduct studies and revivals as requested in keeping with terms of employment. Pulpit supply for a period of 4 weeks.

3. Manage the associational office, supervise associational employees, and maintain equipment of the association.

4. Cooperate with the Finance Committee in planning the budget and promoting giving to the association.

5. Establish and announce office hours to best utilize the division of time between the associational office and field responsibilities.

6. Always working through the pastor, the Director of Missions will be available to offer aid to churches in need of assistance. No program will be conducted for a church without the invitation of the pastor and/or church. In the event the church is without a pastor, the Director of Missions will respond to requests from the church leadership.

Section 2. TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT

A. Term of Office—The Director of Missions shall be called for an indefinite term of service.

B. Remuneration—Remuneration will be recommended by the Missions and Finance Committees and approved by the Stony Fork Baptist Association.

C. Honorariums—Honorariums received for pulpit supply, weddings, funerals, revivals, and pastoral service, not directly related to his normal responsibilities, shall be considered personal remuneration.

D. Work Schedule—Work schedules will vary, with weekends normally being kept for services in churches in the association.

E. Work Accountability—The Missions Committee pledges itself to a ministry of loyalty, support, and loving encouragement of the Director of Missions, so that under the leadership of the Spirit of God, he may render the most effective service possible.

F. Both parties must give a thirty day notice before termination.

Section 3. QUALIFICATIONS

A. Spiritual—A committed Christian with a sense of definite call to mission service.

B. Educational—Preferably college and seminary degrees, or their equivalent.

C. Special Knowledge and Skills—Knowledge of Baptist denominational life and a willingness to continue to learn; vision, flexibility, and demonstrated leadership ability in planning, conducting, and evaluating the work of the association.

D. Character—Christian integrity.

E. Experience—Pastoral ministry, Christian education or associational and other mission experience are necessary. Preferably the associational experience should be as a director of missions, associational staff member or as an active and responsible officer in an association. The mission experience may be in the establishment of and involvement in mission outreach and ministry in a mission, church or association.

ARTICLE VIII—Committees and Their Duties

Section 1. The committee of time, place and preacher shall be composed of three members. It shall be the duty of the committee to recommend to the association, the churches where the next session will be held, preferably to be taken in alphabetical order, and also the preacher for the annual session. In order to alleviate any hardship on any one church hosting as associational meeting, it is suggested that two churches may jointly host each meeting. Expenses, meeting places, and other arrangements will be coordinated by the churches selected.

Section 2. The committee on Resolutions shall be composed of two members. It shall be the duty of this committee to draw up and present to the association suitable resolutions of appreciation and expressions of sentiments on any matter chosen by the committee or as directed by the messengers of the association.

Section 3. The Program Committee shall be composed of the general officers of the association. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare and present a suggested order of business to be adopted by the association. When adopted, the program becomes the order of business unless changed by common consent or by the vote of the body.

Section 4. The committee of Nominations shall be composed of five members. It shall be the duty of the committee to prepare for the association the names of individuals as nominees for the following offices and reports: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Treasurer, Clerk, Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Music Director, Vacation Bible School Director, Brotherhood Director, Pianist, Evangelism Director, and Associational State Representatives, also persons for the following reports shall also be selected; Home Missions, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Stewardship, Cooperative Program, Obituaries, Temperance and Morals, V.B.S. Report, W.M.U. Report, Sunday School Report, and any others designated by the association. Representatives for the following shall be selected: N.C. Baptist Hospital, N.C. Childrens Home, Baptist Home for the Aging, Denominational Colleges (Christian Education), Denominational Literature (Religious Literature), Annuity Board, Baptist Foundation, and any others designated by the association. The committee on Nominations shall be responsible for selection and contacting each of these persons for their approval before the annual meeting. The floor shall be open for nominations for these offices on the day of the annual meeting. Nominations from the floor shall be taken first, then the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall give nomination of committee. All nominees must be contacted beforehand and permission given for acceptance of nomination. The W.M.U. will elect their officers.

Section 5. The Finance Committee shall be composed of five members, one of which will include the Treasurer of the association. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare and recommend a budget for the association and to suggest ways and means whereby the budget can be raised by the local churches and to secure the cooperation of the churches in raising the budget. The Finance committee will present the proposed budget on the first day of the annual associational meeting with discussion and adoption scheduled for the second day. The Finance Committee shall meet prior to the quarterly Executive Committee Meeting and shall

prepare on a regular form acceptable to the association, a detailed financial report which will be given to each member present at the quarterly meetings and the annual associational meeting.

Section 6. The Missions Committee shall be composed of five members and this committee shall report to and cooperate with the Executive Committee of the association. The duties of this committee are: (a) to coordinate and help promote through the organizations and committees all phases and activities of the associational programs, (b) to cooperate with the local churches in making surveys of areas which in the opinion of the Missions Committee are being adequately served by the local missionary Baptist work, and to promote and develop those new phases of the Missions programs, (c) to serve in advisory capacity to the Director of Missions in all matters pertaining to his work and to serve with him in directing and promoting the missions programs of the association, (d) to provide information and assistance to the departments of State Missions of the North Carolina Baptist Convention in meeting local missionary needs, such as Missionary pastor's assistance, promoting mission's causes, etc., (e) the Missions Committee shall meet prior to the Executive Committee of the Association or at any time necessary to discharge its duties, (f) this committee shall have the following responsibilities relating to the office of Director of Missions:

1. Serve as a search committee for a Director of Missions.
2. Recommend to the Executive Committee the name of the nominee.
3. Coordinate financial matters with the Baptist State Convention.
4. Serve as a liaison between the churches and the Director of Missions.

Section 7. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall be composed of the Missions Committee and one selected layperson of the association making six members. It shall be the duty of this committee to review and update the Constitution and By-Laws as it becomes necessary. This committee will recommend revisions and amendments concerning the constitution and By-laws to the association as deemed necessary. They shall meet at least once a year before the annual meeting to review and discuss the constitution.

Section 8. The committee of Petitionary Letters and Constitutions of the churches

ARTICLE IX—Petitionary Letters and Constitutions of the Churches

The Committee of Petitionary Letters and Constitutions of the Churches shall be made up of the Missions Committee members.

Section 1. Any group of baptized believers in Christ desiring to organize themselves into a missionary Baptist church with the purpose of seeking the recognition of and fellowship and cooperate with this association, shall be required to fulfill the following requirements. They shall submit their request for admission to the Director of Missions or the Moderator of the Association, who will in turn forward it to the Committee of Petitionary Letters. In addition to the letter of request, a church must also furnish a report of work accomplished since its organization, a copy of the church covenant, and its articles of faith.

Section 2. Any church seeking admission into the fellowship of the Association must be under the watchcare of the Association for a period of one year before it can be admitted. During this interim period, the church shall be expected to have part in the support of the causes fostered by the association, The North Carolina State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Section 3. The findings of the Committee on Petitionary Letters shall be reported at the annual associational meeting or at the Executive Committee meeting with a recommendation either for or against admission.

Section 4. If the church is accepted under the watchcare of the association, the Committee on Petitionary Letters shall recommend at the end of the year that the church be accepted into full fellowship provided that examination of that years work done and a study of the cooperative spirit of that church proves to be in accordance to the principles of the churches of the association. A two-thirds majority vote of the Messengers or Executive Committee members present shall be needed for such an action to be completed. There will be an appropriate program conducted during the annual meeting to formally welcome this new church into the association.

Section 5. For a sister cooperative Missionary Baptist church that is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, that wishes to join or transfer status, the same procedure is needful with the exception of the one year of associational watchcare. Upon receipt of letter of request, the Committee of Petitions shall recommend its findings to the Executive Committee, and after a thirty day period of investigation the discretion of the Executive Committee shall be used if immediate acceptance of fellowship is possible. If accepted, a program of welcoming shall be presented at the annual associational meeting.

ARTICLE X—Amendments

The constitution or any part of the constitution shall be amended at the annual associational meeting in August, with the acceptance by two-thirds majority vote. It is suggested that all changes and recommendations of amendments be submitted two months prior to annual meeting in August, to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for their careful consideration; however, any messenger has the right to submit proposed changes in accordance with this article.

By-Laws

1. All associational meetings shall be opened and closed in prayer.
2. "Roberts Rules of Order," shall be used as a guideline for parliamentary procedure in all associational meetings. The Moderator will be responsible for having a copy of same at all meetings and a copy of parliamentary procedure and the gavel of the association shall be transferred upon succession of the moderator.
3. All associational officers shall exercise authority over their departments and shall give a financial accounting to the Finance Committee for monies expended.
4. Election and installation of officers shall take place on the last day of the annual associational meeting in August, and these officers shall be responsible for planning, coordinating, and providing leadership for the coming year in the association.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Time, Place and Preacher Committee will be amended to the hosting church pastor or a preacher of his choice will be the preacher for the associational meetings. Committee membership will be filled according to the number of people participating in associational work.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Article VIII-Committees and their duties, Section 4. Amended to: recommendations from the Nominating Committee shall be presented first, then nominations will be taken from the floor.

PROCEEDINGS

On August 9, 1991 Stony Fork Missionary Baptist Association held the first day of the annual meeting at Bailey Camp Baptist Church. The meeting was conducted in the following order with reports included at the time they were presented.

- 9:05 The annual meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. George Berry.
- 9:10 The congregation sang "Victory in Jesus" and "Amazing Grace".
- 9:20 Devotion was led by Rev. Max West from St. John 13: 34-35 and 1 Corinthians 13-1. Prayer led by Rev. Sam Silvec.
- 9:30 Adoption of program with changes to be made as needed.
- 9:32 Roll call of churches—Bailey Camp 4, Boone Fork 3, Doe Ridge 2, Laytown 3, Long Ridge 5, Mt. Ephraim 2, Rock Spring 4, Sandy Flat 3.
- 9:35 Recognition of new pastors and workers: Sam Silver - Sandy Flat, Eugene Fillers - Boone Fork, Arvil Hardy, Doe Ridge, and Max West moved to Bailey Camp.
- 9:40 Home Missions report - Vera Dula
- 9:45 State Missions report - Tom Jenkins was the speaker for these reports. "North Carolina is the second largest state after Texas, in starting new churches. The State Missions Offering in Sept. helps us to do the work here in N.C. Jesus wants us to be a servant as He was a servant when He washed his disciple's feet. Each one of us has a towel out there with our name on it. We need to pick up our towel and be about our Father's business. There are a lot of dirty feet out there for us to wash."
- 10:00 Evangelism - George Berry. "Our churches need to quit saying our church is too small. God is so big, nothing is too small."
- 10:05 Biblical Recorder - Lloyd Buckner
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 Children's Homes - Jeri Triplett
Wilma Greene from Boone spoke to this report telling of her personal experiences while working with the children at Mills Home. She told the stories of several children whose lives were changed during their stay at Baptist Children's homes.
- 10:35 Bill Morrow also spoke to this report. "Children are precious to people and they want to help. We try to minister to the whole child - physical and spiritual. A mile of pennies is a promotion begun by RA's and GA's in small churches. 84,400 pennies make a mile and equals \$844.40. This is a good mission project."
- 10:50 Retirement Homes - Mamie Craig
Roger Williams - Speaker. "Sometimes we get to a stage in our older life when we don't know where we want to go. N.C. Baptist are providing a place for us to go. The newest retirement home is in Asheville. 80% of the beds are Medicaid approved and N.C. Baptist meets the rest. Nursing Home care is one of the most expensive things you can get into today. We need to keep our minds on missions. Missions is the antidote for what ails

a church today. All our residents meet the same admissions criteria. The Retirement Homes offering will be gathered in Feb. Come see us! Let us know when and someone will show you around."

11:15 Baptist Hospital - Linda Church

Calvin Knight, Speaker - "One new Baptist Hospital technology is laser surgery on coronary arteries to remove plaque. We are one in only 15 hospitals in the country who can do this. Sternoplasty is a noninvasive procedure to destroy some brain tumors. In the next few months we will add a PET scanner which is the latest in radiology and allows measurement of cell structures to diagnose cancer early. Baptist Hospital is doing bone marrow transplants, one of 24 facilities in the U.S. to do so. We are designated as a comprehensive cancer treatment center. JCAHO placed NCBH in the top 109% of hospitals in the U.S. providing this type care. We are high-tech but couple this with touch-tech care also. I was a patient for 6 days last year and most nurses and aides did not know me but I received such care and concern from each shift. A new video tape is coming out with interviews with patients within the next year. We could not provide any of these services without your prayers and concern. Our Mother's Day Offering in May has helped."

11:30 Annual Message - Jimmy Hubbard

Isaiah 49:13-16. "Behold I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands". This scripture is a blessing to individual Christians and to the church. Sometimes things look black and we need to be encouraged. We go through difficult periods with sickness, trials and temptations. We wonder if we are ever going to be able to do anything for the Lord. As a Southern Baptist group we CAN move mountains. Everybody is somebody when we are born again. When a Jew was going on a long trip he drew a picture of Jerusalem sanctuary on the his palm so he could remember the temple. God said a mother will not forget her child and I will not forget you. God has graven our names on His palms and will not forget us. We are loved so much that every drop of Jesus' blood was shed for us. With each drop falling from the cross you can hear with your spiritual ear, "I love you, I love you". The blood of Jesus is in heaven, not on mount Calvary, sprinkled on the mercy seat of the holy of holies for all our sins. The Lord knows each of our names, they are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. We are ever before the eyes of the Lord and safe in the hands of God. That's security!!

12:05 Prayer, adjournment, lunch

FRIDAY AFTERNOON PROCEEDINGS

1:15 Song - "Nothing but the Blood".

1:20 Devotion - George Berry - Romans 3:23. Sin caused three things to be lost, 1. Favor of God. 2. Image of God. 3. Presence of God.

1:30 Christian Education - Edith Gryder

Jerry Wallace - speaker. "Any young people interested in going on to school should be encouraged to go to a Baptist school. There are 4 good reasons to choose Campbell: 1. It is true to its purpose to educate people

for Christian service. 2. Its location, rural area, a place where students can have all the services of home, safe and secure. Campbell was voted safest in N.C. and in the top 10 across the nation. 3. Programs - its heart is the same as when organized in 1897 - all things should meet the needs of mankind. 4. Wonderful product - people who want to and are willing to make a difference in the world. They join the ranks of people who will be the salt and light of the world.

- 1:50 Baptist Foundation." Lloyd Culler - speaker. "Luke 16 is the story of a steward. A person to whose care has been committed the care of a household, can be applied to ministers and to Christians. We are always called to appear before the one to whom we are accountable. Christians are stewards. We have life, time, possessions, but all belong to God. We live on God's planet, using his possessions and will give an account of how we have managed for him. The NCBF established in 1920 as a means to perpetuate the work of N.C. Southern Baptist. They manage the assets of trusts set up with the money going to whatever organization designated by the person setting up the trust. The Baptist Foundation can also assist in writing will and will send someone to your church to help with this."
- 2:10 Cooperative Program and Stewardship
Speaker Ken Batts. "Four things about the Cooperative Program - 1. Biblical basis, God calls us to be stewards starting with Abraham in Genesis, called to be a light to the world. 2. Individual churches, no one has power over others. 3. What can I do? As a layperson you can teach, be trained, be an encourager of others, a witness and I can give. 4. We are laborers together. First we cooperate with God. We choose to work with others in our church as we do in our families. Working together we can spread the Good News all over the world, beginning at home."
- 2:25 Vacation Bible School - Edwana Smith
- 2:30 Woman's Missionary Union - Eunice Luttrell
- 2:35 Finance Report - Edith Gryder, Treasurer. Copies of the proposed budget 1991-1992 fiscal year were distributed. Will be voted on during business meeting the following day.
- 2:40 Adjournment - Prayer

SECOND DAY PROCEEDINGS

August 10, 1991, the second day of the Stony Fork Association annual meeting was held at Boone Fork. The following business and reports were conducted during the morning session.

- 9:00 Call to order, moderator George Berry
- 9:05 Song - "The Life Boat"
- 9:10 Devotion - Eugene Fillers, Prayer
- 9:15 Roll call - Bailey Camp 3, Boone Fork 6, Doe Ridge 4, Laytown 3, Long Ridge 4, Mt. Ephraim 1, Rock Spring 6, Sandy Flat 3 - total 30.
- 9:20 Christian Action League - Sharon Craig
Joe Lennon, Speaker. Psalms 9:17 - 33:12 Lost people are making decisions for N.C. in the General Assembly. "Blessed is the nation whose

God is the Lord". One thing we are fighting is the lottery. The thing that is wrong with the lottery is that it is sin. Christians must stand against it. Man doesn't have the solutions, but God does. More money and more studies are not the answer. We need to cure the cause, which is sin. There were 37,000 abortions in N.C. in 1988. Also, the Christian Action League is trying to get the blood alcohol level dropped from .10 to 0.8. One drink impairs the ability to drive. N.C. has one of the best anti-pornography laws. If you know of a violation, contact your local district attorney and try to get him to prosecute. If you need a copy of this law, contact us and we will send it.

9:50 Foreign Missions - Scott Church

10:05 Discipleship Training - Charles Craig

Preschool and Children literature will be changing, Sunday School and DT literature will separate. There will be improvements in other levels. On Sept. 6-7, the assoc. team went to Ridgecrest for training. If you would like to start DT, let us know and we will help. Your first literature order is free if less than \$100.00. "M" night will be Oct. 20, speaker Maurice Cooper from the SBC and he would like to speak to all the churches. Where there is no vision, people perish. Pray that we will open our eyes to the fact that Jesus is the head of the church. We cannot function without the Holy Spirit.

10:20 Break

10:30 ANNUAL MESSAGE - Eugene Fillers

Matt. 7:13-23 - Evidence of Salvation. Not everyone that says they are a child of God is a child of God. There is an outward evidence and change. You can tell a child of the King when you see them. There will be a changed life, you are no longer the same. What are you going to lay down at his feet when you get to Heaven? Don't let things come up to stop us from worshipping God. Most of the time it is our physical needs. God will prosper whatever we do. We need a burden for the lost people, our own families, we need to talk to them. We have a problem of not hearing what God says. We want to change it to what we want to hear. God says "my sheep know me and hear my voice". When you serve God, things will begin to happen, trials will come but growth comes in the valley. We have a choice to make, serve God or serve the devil. No man can serve two masters. If we love the Lord, we hate evil and all ungodly things. He that hath the Son hath life.

11:30 Director of Missions - Burl Jones

Acts 1:8 - "Ye shall receive power shall be my witness". That is what we are about in Stony Fork Assoc. All our needs are pretty much the same in the churches and God is showing me some of these needs. I need your prayers. I believe God will bless us and I thank God for you, my family. I'm available and want to be used by God to be your servant.

11:35 General Board Report - Roy Gryder

We met three times this past year. There were no headline making decisions. Mandate - a periodic videotape for subscribers that gives a breakdown of mission activity, 1/2 hours long, 3 segments hosted by a

young couple, has been a tremendous success. They will soon go to a 1 hour tape and available every 2 months. These are a wonderful tool for WMU and other mission groups. 11:40 Stewardship - Roy Gryder Since 1988 when I have kept statistics, money coming in has not increased, but money spent on missions has almost doubled. We have established a growing working WMU, sent men to the mission field in Brazil and activities in other areas are increasing. We are a functional, running organization. Go back and tell your churches what we are doing.

11:45 Resolutions - Betty Woods

11:48 Obituaries - Clerk

11:50 Election of officers - Nominating Committee nominated the following officers for the coming year:

Director of Missions: Burl Jones

Moderator: George Berry

Treasurer: Edith Gryder

Clerk: Linda Mills

VBS: Barbara West

Discipleship Training: Charles Craig

Stewardship: Roy Gryder

Sunday School: Danny Crowder

Evangelism: George Berry

Song Leader: Pauline Eldreth

Cooperative Program: Pauline Berry

Home Missions: Wanda Winkler

Children's Homes: Jeri Triplett

Baptist Hospital: Linda Church

Christian Education: Edith Gryder

Retirement Homes: Mamie Craig

Foreign Missions: Scott Church

Christian Action League: Sharon Craig

Brotherhood: Dennis Oaks

Biblical Recorder: Lloyd Buckner

Obituaries: Clerk

Resolutions: Betty Woods

Vice Moderator, State Missions, Baptist Foundation, Piano Player will be elected at first Executive Committee Meeting.

Program Committee: Edith Gryder, George Berry, Linda Mills, Burl Jones

Finance Committee: Edith Gryder, Dale Luttrell, Linda Mills, Roy Gryder, Burl Jones

Missions Committee: Pastors of each church, Director of Missions

Nominating Committee: Pastors of each church, Director of Missions.

Moved to elect the officers as presented by the Nominating Committee, seconded and approved.

Moved to elect remaining officers at first Executive Committee meeting in Sept. by Roy Gryder, seconded by Charles Craig and approved.

Welcomed new pastors Eugene Fillers and Arvil Hardy, not present yesterday.

New Business: Moved to adopt budget with addition of \$150.00 for WMU travel expenses as presented by the Finance Committee by Scott Church, seconded by Carroll Woods. Approved.

12:05 Adjournment — Prayer — Lunch

REPORTS

HOME MISSIONS

From all indications, Southern Baptists are increasing their emphasis on evangelism. I am pleased to announce that Southern Baptists baptized 385,031 this year, an increase of 9.7% over last year. We are progressing steadily toward our goal of baptizing 500,000 per year by the end of this century.

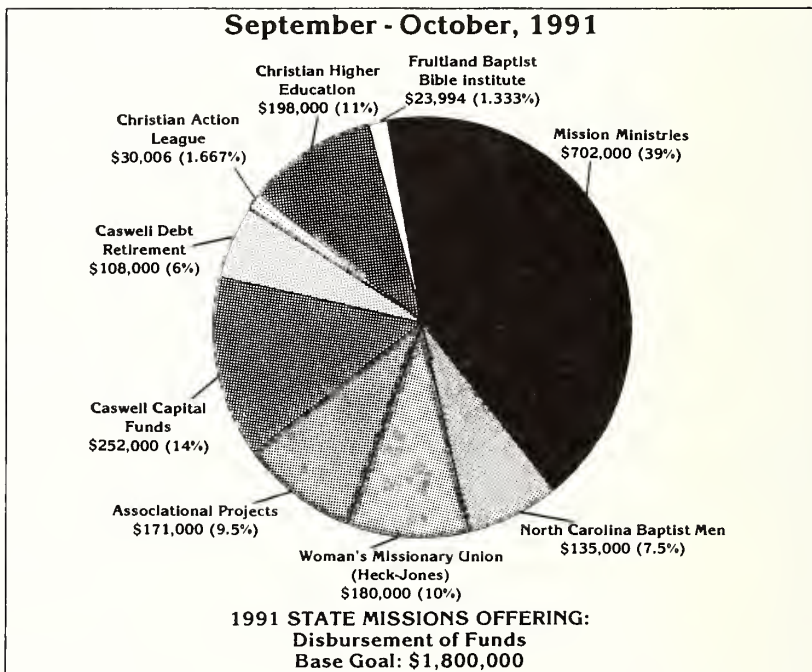
At the end of the year, Southern Baptists reported 43,419 new congregations. Today nearly half the churches we start are tailored to meet the needs of ethnic people or blacks. Each Sunday Southern Baptists worship in more than 103 languages and dialects, and that number grows annually.

The Home Mission Board appointed 475 missionaries, bringing the total to 4,573. Since 1980, the categories of "Mission Pastor" and "Field Personnel Assistance" have expanded. In 1990, more than half the missions personnel of 4,573 were in these two categories.

Already these home missionary/church planters are responsible for the majority of the approximately 1,200 missions started by Southern Baptist each year.

We need to support and pray for these people, so pray every day for Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
Vera Dula



THE BIBLICAL RECORDER **Associational Report — 1991**

The Baptist world is changing rapidly; some would contend it is for good while others think it is nothing short of a tragedy.

Whatever one's view may be, there is an indispensable need for correct and reliable information. *The Biblical Recorder* was born and continues to serve for that purpose.

People are reading less than any time in recent history. It is true of secular publications, it is true of wholesome books from respected libraries, it is true of religious publications. We live in an electronic, fast-food, everything is disposable age! We often think we know the answers only to discover later we do not.

An informed Baptist is a better Baptist; an uninformed Baptist may be an uninvolved or disruptive Baptist. No democracy, including our local churches and the denomination they comprise, can survive long without an informed, involved constituency which makes corporate decisions based upon accurate information from reliable sources.

The most important thing facing us at this point is to get the *Recorder* into more Baptist homes than ever before. Your support as a subscriber and reader and your encouragement to others will enable the paper to better serve the constituency with accurate and helpful information delivered to Baptist homes and churches. We need your help!

In order to save churches large amounts of money and to increase the readership of the *Recorder*, Church News Service (CNS) was launched in 1990. This system lets any congregation have their church newsletter incorporated into the *Biblical Recorder* which saves staff time, postage and printing costs. Usually, for less than what it costs to produce the church newsletter, CNS gives the entire Baptist communication package to each family in the congregation. We are steadily adding churches to the CNS program.

The paper focuses more and more attention on North Carolina Baptists with news, features and inspirational articles which will encourage individuals and churches in their witness and ministry.

Never has God given Baptists a greater opportunity; never have there been as many difficulties and obstacles to overcome. One sure way to conquer problems and overcome the barriers to effective witness and ministry is to have the facts, know the issues and be adequately informed.

That is why the *Recorder* was born; that is why it serves today. For more information on how your church can subscribe or use CNS, contact:

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Respectfully submitted,
Lloyd Buckner

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

I just received a call through our switchboard here at Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina in Thomasville. The operator was Lynn, a girl who grew up at Mills Home. She is working the switchboard this summer and kept her job working the 3-11 p.m. shift at a local nursing home. This fall, she will enroll as a freshman at Wingate College, one of our fine Baptist schools.

Lots of young people will be enrolling at Wingate this year. Lots of others will enroll at colleges all over the state. But not many of their enrollments mark a victory over adversity like Lynn's does.

Lynn, 19, came to Mills Home in 1981 with two sisters. Her mother's ill health prevented her from caring for her children. Lynn has never seen her father. In college Lynn plans to study human services, then be a social worker at a children's home ... maybe even this one. Generous benefactors have provided funds so Baptist Children's Homes can help Lynn attend Wingate.

I asked Lynn what she would do if BCH hadn't been able to help her go to school. She said, "I'd have found a way, somehow." Such spirit demonstrates a will to overcome that both reflects Baptist Children's Homes and defines us.

BCH has been overcoming and helping hurting children overcome for 106 years. This year is especially significant because it marks the return of an annual Thanksgiving Offering for Baptist Children's Homes, after a 13-year absence. We plan to raise \$500,000 this year through the offering. Would you help promote this offering in your church? An information packet will come to your church in September.

As significant to our health as is the Thanksgiving Offering, a more consistent source of help is churches putting Baptist Children's Homes in their budgets. As finance chairman for your church, you could be instrumental in showing your members the benefits of including the ministry of Baptist Children's Homes in the budget as you discuss your missions giving in the coming months.

Here's some things you may not know about us. *Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina serves more than 1,000 children each year through facilities in 13 locations across North Carolina.* We have residential campuses in Thomasville, Kinston, Pembroke and Clyde; emergency care homes on those campuses and in Dallas; homes for behaviorally troubled girls in Franklin and Lenoir; therapeutic camping in Moore County; a maternity home in Asheville; a home for teen-age mothers and their babies in Lenoir, a model child development center in Thomasville, the Philpott Parent Aide program in Davidson County, foster homes and recreational, retreat facilities.

About 35 percent of our budget comes from churches through the Cooperative Program and special offerings. As recently as 30 years ago, we were nearly 100 percent financed by North Carolina Southern Baptist churches. Our goal is to increase church support to 50 percent of our budget.

If your church puts Baptist Children's Homes in its budget, several good things will begin to happen:

✓ Your people will be more aware of their ministry to hurting children and broken families through Baptist Children's Homes;

✓ Consequently, they will be encouraged that yes, someone is doing something about the crying needs around them;

✓ Your consistent gifts to BCH will enable us to plan more faithfully to meet needs;

✓ A small monthly commitment will result in a large annual gift to the needs of children and families in our state.

We welcome the opportunity to have a staff member personally share with your church about this ministry. Several churches already have BCH in their budgets. If yours is one, you already know how significant to Kingdom work your gifts are. Thank you very much.

If BCH is not in your budget, please consider adding a line item. It might read: "To give a child a chance!"

Best regards,

Michael C. Blackwell, President

BCH GIVES CHILDREN A CHANCE!

For an institution that's 106 years old, Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina (BCH) looks strongly to the future! Three pillars that uphold that futuristic foundation are: **1. The return of the Thanksgiving Offering beginning in November 1991; 2. The success of our "Give a child a chance!" financial campaign, and 3. Baptists' continued support of BCH through the Cooperative Program.**

This financial undergirding made it possible for BCH to serve more than 1,200 children and families last year through facilities at 13 locations across the state. Because Baptists cared enough to give, residents like Lynn will go to Wingate College this fall; Chris graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill; Jennifer is in her second year at Haywood Community College and Mark earned a football scholarship to North Carolina A&T. Each of these lives proceeds on firm footing because Baptist Children's Homes was there and paved their pathway.

Most BCH residents come from dysfunctional families where a single parent, most often a mother, simply is unable to care for her children. Her frustration with life leads to limitless freedom for the children, which leads to troubling behavior. Physical abuse, divorce, alcohol, drugs and truancy mark their young lives.

Baptist Children's Homes provides a safe environment where children learn to name their problems and address them to change behavior. At the same time, willing family members also are addressing their problems with the help of BCH social workers. In many cases, children and families are restored. BDH's "Give a child a chance!" campaign is raising \$11 million over three years to expand Cameron Boys Camp, boost general operating income and increase endowment. Gifts and pledges through July totaled \$9.3 million and response across the state has been overwhelming and heart gratifying.

Last year Baptist Men of North Carolina helped construct the new Tommy and Jeanie Eller Chuckwagon at Cameron Boys Camp that was dedicated May 19.

BCH celebrated this spring the 20th anniversary of the founding of Broyhill

Home, our western-most campus, in Waynesville/Clyde. With the help of J.E. Broyhill and his family, the home was opened in 1971 on 91 hilly acres. It has capacity for 48 children in group care and for eight girls in emergency care. .

In August 1990 BCH began the Gregg Children's Center for before and after school care. The Davidson County program offers security to children of working couples, who now don't have to go home to empty houses.

Children's hopes the world over have been bolstered by the 1991 return of the Thanksgiving Offering voted by messengers to the 1989 state convention. While suffering through its 13-year absence, BCH lost more than \$2 million in potential gifts. Our goal this year is \$500,000. Because of a partnership established in December with the Baptist Children's Homes of Sao Paulo, Brazil, BCH-North Carolina will donate 10 percent of everything it receives over the \$500,000 goal for work in that desperately needy land.

In August 1990, BCH signed an agreement with Gaston County Department of Social Services to operate two emergency care homes owned by the county. That raises to seven the number of emergency care homes BCH operates. Emergency care, in which a child at risk of abuse or neglect can receive shelter right away, is the service most in demand throughout the state. Children stay a maximum of 60 days while BCH works with the custodian to determine a long-term plan of care.

The Cooperative Program continues to anchor our budget planning from the churches. We urge renewed commitment to cooperative giving among our North Carolina churches. It is essential, not only for us, but for the entire missions enterprise built painstakingly for a century and a half. Baptist Children's Homes receives \$1.5 million from Cooperative Program receipts each year. This is the stackpole around which we build our other income planning. A decrease in Cooperative Program dollars to Baptist Children's Homes would seriously jeopardize our ability to care for children.

Baptist Children's Homes has a 106-year history. But its history is just the knot that ties it to a boundless, unbroken ribbon of promise that stretches beyond the future to wrap children and families with eternal blessings.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeri Triplett

BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC. 1991: MAKING LIFE FOR OLDER ADULTS THE BEST OF TIMES

The Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc. operates four residential facilities for Older Adults around the State — the Albemarle Baptist Home in the Southern Piedmont, the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville, the Hamilton Baptist Home in Eastern North Carolina, and the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem.

In Asheville, 1991 began with a great deal of excitement. After more than five years of trying to receive state approval to build a nursing care bed addition, the Baptist Retirement Homes was awarded a Certificate of Need for 100 medicaid

certified nursing care beds for its Western North Carolina Baptist Home on Richmond Hill in Northwest Asheville. Currently the only nursing care provided by the Baptist Retirement Homes is the 85 bed nursing care unit at the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem. The addition of 100 medicaid certified beds will mean that quality nursing care can be offered to Western North Carolina Baptists regardless of their ability to pay for the institutional services that they need.

The 39,000 square foot addition will cost approximately \$2.8 million. At the present time, the Baptist Retirement Homes has raised approximately \$2 million of the \$2.8 million needed to make this long hoped for dream a reality. Baptists across Western North Carolina are being urged to help Baptist Retirement Homes meet the financial challenge of building this new unit on Richmond Hill.

In Winston-Salem, the Brookridge Retirement Community completed its second year of operation. Under the leadership of a well-trained and committed Christian staff, the Brookridge Retirement Community's Independent Living area and Health Care Unit are considered among the finest in the State.

In Albemarle and Hamilton, Assisted Living care is provided to older Adults in residential settings. The Albemarle and Hamilton facilities offer quality care to Older Adults regardless of their ability to pay for the cost of the care they receive . . . a service unmatched by any other church related long-term care institution in this state.

Please support our ministry with your prayers and financial resources. Help us make life for Baptist Older Adults . . . The Best of Times!

Respectfully submitted,
Mamie Craig

Report to Baptist Associations North Carolina Baptist Hospital 1991

The year 1991 is significant in the history of Baptist Hospital — it marks the 50th anniversary of its entering a partnership with the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University, to form one of the 126 academic medical centers in the nation. Appropriate events have been planned to celebrate this anniversary.

This partnership makes it possible for Baptist Hospital to offer it's patients the most advanced technology for diagnosing and treating their health problems. For example, ours is one of 15 medical centers in the nation involved in clinical trials of a new coronary laser which vaporizes plaque in blocked coronary arteries. We are one of five centers in the U.S. conducting clinical trials in stereotactic radiosurgery, a procedure in which high-energy beams of radiation from a linear accelerator are focused by computers on brain tumors and lesions to destroy them. This procedure can be done on an outpatient basis. We are one of 24 Comprehensive Cancer Centers in the nation. We are the designated organ procurement agency for northwest North Carolina, and we recently received approval to begin performing pancreatic transplants this year. Early in 1992, we expect to open our new Center for Positron Emission Tomography, one of the

most advanced radiological services which is capable of measuring the chemical structure of the body. This new diagnostic procedure promises to make possible earlier detection, and hence, earlier treatment of tumors, hopefully, improving the outcome of the treatment.

During the past year, the hospital admitted approximately 22,000 patients, and almost 400,000 persons were treated through the various outpatient services of the Medical Center. These patients came from most counties in North Carolina, from 32 other states, and from several other countries.

During the past year, Baptist Hospital was re-accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations, and the survey team which visited our institution ranked it in the top 10 percent of hospitals in the nation. Also, according to a recent report from the North Carolina Medical Database Commission, average charges for care at Baptist Hospital are 10 percent below the average charges for similar diagnoses in hospitals statewide, and substantially lower than charges in the other North Carolina academic medical centers.

The Pastoral Care Department, which is funded in part through the Cooperative Program, provided Clinical Pastoral Education to 42 students during the past year. The Pastoral Care staff provided more than 54,000 specific ministries to hospital patients, family members, and staff. And, the counseling division provided over 21,700 counseling sessions. The Professional staff of the Pastoral Care Department continues to respond to requests for help from churches in conflict, from pastors and their families across the state.

For the first time since 1978, a Mother's Day Offering exclusively for Baptist Hospital Benevolent Care was received in North Carolina Baptist Churches. At the time this report is being written, results of the Mother's Day Offering appear to be very favorable. The staff and patients at Baptist Hospital are profoundly grateful to North Carolina Baptists for this support.

Betty C. Gilreath, Chair of Trustees

Len B. Preslar, Jr., President

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Church

BAPTIST COLLEGE REPORT

1991

A "new-old" event is about to take place in North Carolina Baptist life: A Special Committee! From time to time we Baptists feel the need to take a hard look at ourselves. We do that through the time-Honored practice of asking trusted people to serve on a committee for a year, sometimes two. In 1956, for example, "The Committee of Twenty-Five" began a comprehensive study which eventually embraced all aspects of North Carolina Baptist life. That committee reported to a special session of the Baptist State Convention called for that purpose on May 5-6, 1959. Again, "The Committee of Twenty," appointed in 1967, worked for two years before presenting its comprehensive findings and recommendations to the Convention in November of 1969. Both of these committees provided clarity and guidance for North Carolina Baptists which endured for many years.

New times call for a fresh look at ourselves. The "new times" which have taken shape in the Southern Baptist Convention since 1979 have particular relevance for institutions, agencies, their trustees and the Convention. North Carolina Baptist institutions and agencies have rendered distinguished Christian service for a total of 1,108 years! New times call for a new look by a competent special committee.

In May the General Board approved a 17-member "Institutions Relations Committee." Lamar Brooks, Wilmington, is chairman. Other members are: Jean P. Abernethy, Marion; Dot Allred, Gastonia; Curtis Lee Barbery, Bennett; Harold Bennett, Boone; Don Bolden, Burlington; Caralie Brown, Raleigh; Kathryn H. Hamrick, Shelby; John H. Hewett, Asheville; Milton A. Hollifield, Jr., Stanley; John M. Hough, Jr., Salisbury; James H. Johnson, Candler; Robert B. Poole, Elizabeth City; George W. Pullium, Jr., Knightdale; Hobart Smith, Charlotte; A. Eugene Warren, Charlotte; J. L. Wilson, Winston-Salem. Their report is due in November, 1992.

The "new-old" way of study and thought is the North Carolina Baptist, tried-and-true way to confront changing times. We thank these 17 good men and women who will help us to shape the future together in harmony. They request and deserve our fervent prayers.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST INSTITUTIONS/AGENCIES

Gardner-Webb — Wingate — Meredith — Campbell — Mars Hill — Chowan — Wake Forest						
1905	1896	1891	1887	1856	1848	1834
Retirement Homes — Hospital — Foundation — Children's Homes — Biblical Recorder						
1950	1923	1919	1885		1833	

Respectfully submitted,
Edith Gryder

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC. ANNUAL REPORT TO BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS OF NORTH CAROLINA JUNE 1991

The Board of Directors and the staff of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation are committed to effective leadership in generating increased perpetual financial support of Baptist causes throughout the state, nation and world. With assets approximately \$27 million (market value) at the end of the 1990 fiscal year, the income distribution to Baptist causes is significant each year.

Typically, assets are either held as endowments paying interest income in perpetuity to named Baptist causes, or they are held in trust with current income being paid to individuals and future income being paid to Baptist causes in perpetuity.

Earned income distributed to Baptist institutions and mission causes during

fiscal year of 1990: \$647,180

Earned income distributed to individuals with Baptist causes named as charitable remainderman during fiscal year of 1990: \$686,124

The staff of the Foundation consists of seven full time employees and two persons who provide part-time service in accounting and legal services. The servicing of individual accounts requires continuous contact with trustors, donors and those designating gifts through Wills. The increased number of requests for assistance in seminars and conferences by churches, associations and individuals has made part-time assistance necessary in regions of the state some distance from the office.

There are continual improvements being made in available charitable estate planning computer software, constant changes in state and federal regulations which affect charitable estate planning and an increased need for technical training and assistance to serve the ever increasing needs of both the development staffs of our institutions and the individuals utilizing the Foundation services. The Foundation continues to provide for these needs to maximize the growth in financial support for Baptist causes.

In 1990, the Foundation moved into a new home. The 6,000 square foot office building was constructed from gifts from individuals and is located on property provided by the Baptist State Convention next to the Baptist Building in Cary. The new facility was occupied in February 1990 and provides much needed space for the work of staff as well as for conferences and meetings. Baptist groups are invited to use the meeting rooms when in the Raleigh/Cary area. We extend an invitation to church groups to call and arrange a visit to the newest building used for the Lord's service by North Carolina Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,
Edwin S. Coates, Executive Director
Dale Luttrell

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Cooperation has been our reason to exist as a denomination for about 160 years.

During this time, we may not have fully agreed on how to carry out every phase of our work, but we have always agreed to cooperate together to upbuild the Kingdom of God.

Cooperation is what has always held us together as Southern Baptist. Without cooperation we can do nothing but with it we can do anything for the glory of God and his Kingdom.

Although our churches are small and few in number, we, as Southern Baptist, can continue to give through the Cooperative Program to see that the work of our Lord is done.

Cooperation is the key word in our work as an association. Our task of reaching a lost world for Jesus depends on the faithfulness of our people to press toward our goal.

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline Berry

TOTAL S.B.C. and N.C. Ministries:**\$26,900,000 100%**

B. Christian Higher Education			
Campbell University	\$954,849	3.5496%	
Chowan College	954,849	3.5496%	
Gardner-Webb College	954,849	3.5496%	
Mars Hill College	954,849	3.5496%	
Meredith College	954,849	3.5496%	
Wingate College	954,849	3.5496%	
Subtotal	\$5,729,094	21.2976%	
Council Operations	143,176	.5324%	
TOTAL — Christian Higher Education	\$5,872,270	21.8300%	

A. Southern Baptist Convention			
Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, VA	\$4,729,000	17.58%	
Home Mission Board, Atlanta, GA	1,848,000	6.87%	
Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth, TX	382,000	1.42%	
Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, CA	196,400	.73%	
Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, MO	166,800	.62%	
New Orleans Seminary, New Orleans, LA	328,200	1.22%	
Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, NC	282,500	1.05%	
Southern Seminary, Louisville, KY	408,900	1.54%	
Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, TX	554,100	2.06%	
Annuity Board, Dallas, TX	72,600	.27%	
Southern Baptist Foundation, Nashville, TN	21,500	.08%	
American Seminary Commission, Nashville, TN	18,800	.07%	
Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, TN	67,200	.25%	
Christian Life Commission	86,100	.32%	
Education Commission	32,300	.12%	
Historical Commission	35,000	.13%	
Stewardship Commission	32,300	.12%	
Public Affairs Committee	2,700	.01%	
Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs	5,400	.02%	
Convention Operating Budget	190,930	.71%	
TOTAL — Southern Baptist Convention	\$9,460,730	35.17%	

General Board Divisions	\$308,400	23.34%	
Administration	97,142		
Business Management	972,318		
Christian Life Council	270,360		
Church Programs	833,920		
Communications	444,249		
Evangelism	244,606		
Missions	1,227,905		
Stewardship	280,150		
Youth and Campus Ministries	1,002,292		
N.C. Baptist Men	229,464		
Woman's Missionary Union	385,340		
TOTAL — Convention and General Board	\$8,267,480	30.73%	

E. Convention Special			
Campus Ministries-Reserve Fund	55,000		
Ministers Emergency Reserve	70,000		
Foreign Missions Partnership	50,000		
School of Pastoral Care- Counseling for ministers and families	35,000		
Long Range Planning Committee	1,000		
Witnessing/Giving Life	10,000		
Debt Retirement	120,000		
Public Relations	100,000		
Convention and General Board	97,000		
TOTAL — Convention Special	\$538,000	2.00%	
TOTAL — North Carolina Ministries	17,439,270	64.83%	

TOTAL S.B.C. and N.C. Ministries:**\$26,900,000 100%**

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM RECEIPTS AND SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Gifts through the Cooperative Program actually received by Business Office of the Baptist State Convention for the period listed below. Check this with your church records and please report any difference to O. D. Martin, Jr., P.O. Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512.

Special Offerings from the churches for Baptist causes shown as designated.
January 1 through June 30, 1991

CHURCHES NAME	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM			DESIGNATED	
	CURRENT QUARTER	TOTAL TO DATE ABOVE	TO DATE LAST YEAR	CURRENT QUARTER	TO DATE ABOVE
Baileys Camp	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Boone Fork	.00	.00	100.00	385.70	510.70
Doe Ridge	43.00	119.65	151.05	.00	.00
Laytown	.00	.00	600.00	100.00	300.00
Mount Ephriam	108.00	302.00	784.87	.00	.00
Mount Paron	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Mount View	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
New Hopewell	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Rock Spring	1,031.89	1,996.97	1,712.97	961.33	2,424.48
Rock View	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Sandy Flat	39.92	76.41	48.16	1,836.79	2,750.70
Other Than Church	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
TOTAL	1,444.31	3,438.40	3,913.96	3,912.82	6,731.73

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

On Friday, March 8, 1991, Donna Triplett, Barbara West, Edith Gryder, Burl Jones and myself, Edwana Smith, attended the N.C. VBS workshop which was held at Western Ave. Church in Statesville, N.C. Many things were learned which helped us to prepare for our associational VBS work shop.

The Stony Fork Associational VBS workshop was held on Sunday, May 19, 1991 at Bailey's Camp Baptist Church. The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m. There were 7 of the 12 churches that make up the Stony Fork Assoc. represented at the meeting. The churches that attended were Bailey's Camp, Boone Fork, Laytown, Long Ridge, Mt. Ephraim, Rock Spring and Sandy Flat. There was a total attendance of 26 workers and 2 pastors present. Six of the seven churches have completed their Bible Schools with some very good reports. Mt. Ephraim will hold their Bible School later this summer.

We are very thankful to the Lord that they will be having a VBS at Mt. Ephraim this year. Let us all pray that the Lord will richly bless them in their work.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who has helped with VBS this year. Many seeds have been sown to which one day the Lord will reap His harvest.

Respectfully submitted,
Edwana Smith

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STATISTICS

Church	Date of VBS	Final Enrollment	Average Attn.	Pro. of faith	Materials cost	Offering to Coop. Program
Bailey's Camp	6-3-91	40	30	0	225.00	0
Long Ridge	6-3-91	49	49	0		51.00
Rock Spring	6-16-91	70	58	0	292.00	62.00
Sandy Flat	6-17-91	40	30	0	125.00	153.00
Boone Fork	7-7-91	22	21	0	130.00	48.00
Laytown	7-26-91	21	20	0	121.00	111.00
Mt. Ephraim						
Total to Date		242	208	0	893.00	425.00

TREASURER REPORT

Ending balance 7-31-90 \$1162.84
 Less outstanding checks -350.00
 Balance in bank 812.84
 Paid by churches for minutes 312.00
 Paid by churches for George Berry Brazil trip 1924.93
 Total contributions 8293.81
 Plus previous balance 812.84
 Total \$9106.65

Expenses

Director of Missions — Travel \$3250.00
 Annuity — Director of Missions 572.00
 Honorarium for Clerk 250.00
 Honorarium for Treasurer 250.00
 V.B.S. Materials and Gas 138.26
 Evangelism (Neil Hatfield — Prayer Retreat) 50.00
 Sunday School/Discipleship Training 150.00
 Clerical (stamps) 10.00
 Telephone 6.33
 George Berry Brazil Trip 1615.00
 Minutes 483.00
 Total expenditures \$6774.59
 Balance in account 7-31-91 \$2332.06

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR STONY FORK ASSOCIATION 1991-1992

Total income for 1991 through July, 31st — \$6074.00 and this same amount
expected for 1992 fiscal year.

Director of Mission travel expenses	3000.00
Annuity — Director of Missions	624.00
Clerical — Misc	50.00
Clerk Honorarium	250.00
Treasurer Honorarium	250.00
Vacation Bible School	200.00
Phone	50.00
Sunday School	200.00
Discipleship Training	100.00
Evangelism	100.00
WMU Travel	150.00
Total	4974.00

ANNUAL REPORT

CHRISTIAN ACTION LEAGUE OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

This has been a most eventful year for the cause of Applied Christianity.

With North Carolina facing a 1.1 billion dollar shortfall and with news accounts stating that citizens from North Carolina are spending 100 million dollars annually in the Virginia lottery, it appeared almost inevitable that a lottery bill would pass the 1991 legislative session.

In addition to the economic factors, the gambling industry had 13 lobbyists working the halls of the Legislature daily promoting lottery legislation.

Even though lottery legislation passed the Senate, it was quite evident that the lottery lobbyists could not line up enough votes to get the measure through the House of Representatives. Lottery supporters did not push for a vote, for they knew that the legislation would be dead. Therefore, the proposal will be eligible to be considered in the next legislative session when it convenes in June, 1992.

Between now and then, it is of utmost importance that you secure a commitment from your representatives in the North Carolina House to oppose state-sponsored gambling. The Senate will not be voting on the lottery in 1992 because it has already passed that body.

Key lottery supporters were Senator Ken Royall (D-Durham), Senator George Daniels (D-Caswell), Representative David Redwine (D-Brunswick), Representative Joe Mavretic (D-Edgecombe), Representative Robert Hunter (D-McDowell) and Representative Frank Rhodes (R-Forsyth).

Opponents of the legislation were led by Governor Jim Martin, Lieutenant Governor Jim Gardner, Senate President Pro-Tem Henson Barnes (D-Wayne), and Speaker of the House Dan Blue (D-Wake).

While we were successful in side-tracking lottery legislation, the Legislature refused to enact the following proposals:

1. PARENTAL CONSENT ... North Carolina remains one of the few states in the nation that allows a minor to receive an abortion without parental consent. Legislation to enact parental consent passed the House, but died in the Senate.

2. DRUNK DRIVING ... The House passed legislation that would change the alcohol blood level from .1 to .08 as the breathalyzer standard for Driving-While-Impaired. The Senate refused to act on this proposal.

3. OPEN CONTAINERS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN MOTOR VEHICLES ... It is ironic that an open liquor bottle is prohibited in a motor vehicle, yet there is no limit to the number of open beer containers allowed in a motor vehicle. Highway safety authorities confirm that a large majority of the drivers charged with driving-while-impaired are beer drinkers. H.C. Highway Patrol officials endorsed the open container legislation, but it got "hung up" in a House committee.

4. TEEN-AGE PREGNANCIES ... In order to address this growing problem, legislation was introduced to require sexual abstinence instruction to be a part of the curriculum of our public schools. (Such instruction has been very successful in reducing teen-age pregnancies in other areas of our country.) However, such a program was opposed by our N.C. Department of Public Instruction. Education officials charged that such legislation would be imposing a standard of morality upon our youth. The measure simply stated: "The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to provide that the public school curriculum shall include instruction, in appropriate grades and classes, that abstinence from sexual activity outside of marriage is the expected standard for all school-age children, that abstinence from sexual activity is the only certain means of avoiding out-of-wedlock pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS, and other associated health problems; and that a mutually faithful monogamous relationship in the context of marriage is the best lifelong means of avoiding sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS."

5. ABORTION FUND ... North Carolina is the only Southeastern state that used state tax funds for medically unnecessary abortions. Some \$400,000 of state tax funds have been budgeted by the state legislature to pay for these elective abortions. Therefore, we are denying thousands of babies right here in North Carolina their constitutional right of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

How can we turn the tide on these important moral issues? It will occur when North Carolina Baptists and other Christians are willing to become actively and publicly involved in upholding our Judeo-Christian moral standards. It is not enough to wring our hands and just talk about problems. We need to cry out publicly and act against sin. Baptists need to be informed about the stands taken on these issues by those who are running for public office, and then vote for those who reflect our standards.

In addition to a demanding legislative session, the Christian Action League has successfully assisted several counties and municipalities in liquor, beer, and wine referendums.

Good Government Seminars were conducted in the Asheville and Wilmington areas, at which some of the above issues were addressed.

Nationally recognized authorities came to share their expertise on the issues of gambling and family matters. These included Dr. Paul Cameron, Chairman of the Family Research Institute, Washington, D.C.; Austin McGuigan, former State's Attorney for Connecticut, and Bill Swindell, National Field Director, American Family Association, Tupelo, Mississippi.

We praise God for your prayer and financial support as we join in addressing the moral and ethical issues facing our society.

Joe S. Lennon, President
Coy C. Privette, Executive Director
Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Craig

FOREIGN MISSIONS FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

The final report on the 1990 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions carried both good news and bad news.

Positive: The total received, \$79,358,610.87, was the second-largest amount ever given through the offering since it began in 1888.

Negative: For the first time in 53 years, the offering total was less than for the preceding year. And the total fell far short of the \$86 million goal.

As a result of the shortfall the executive board of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, reduced the goal for the 1991 offering to \$84 million (it had been set at \$88 million). The WMU board set the 1992 offering goal at \$88 million.

Not meeting the 1990 goal could immediately affect plans to fund capital needs for new construction, equipment and vehicles as the missions enterprise expands. Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks said, however, that Southern Baptists will not retrench in efforts to expand world missions.

If the offering had reached its goal, it would have provided 47.06 percent of the board's \$182.7-million budget in 1991. The denomination's Cooperative Program unified budget is scheduled to provide 37.95 percent or \$69.3 million.

The Lottie Moon offering, generally collected by Southern Baptist congregations during December, is believed to be the largest single offering of its kind among Christians.

The foreign Mission Board last fall increased its annual budget by 4.5 percent over 1990, action based largely on the Lottie Moon \$86 million goal, a 7 percent rise from the year before. "We're not retrenching," Parks said. "We will trust in the Lord...and move ahead with faith and optimism." Fortunately, many overseas Baptist groups with which missionaries work are maturing and bearing increased financial responsibility in their nations, he added.

"But we must make a note of realism," he said. "We truly regret that at this time our resources are not keeping up with the appointment of new missionaries and the opening of new opportunities."

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 43 missionaries at its June meeting in Richmond, Va.

Approval of the 43 missionaries, including 37 new appointments and six reappointments, bring the board's total missions force to 3,920 in 121 countries, with work extending into several other nations.

12 TO REACH ONE

"I gave away 12 Bibles in order to get one in the hands of one lady," says missionary Jean Morgan in Jakarta, Indonesia, "but it was worth it."

Each time the woman, Tuti, visited her Sunday School class, Jean gave her a Bible to use. Tuti didn't want to keep the Bible, even though it was offered to her.

"When a new Indonesian reference Bible was published just before Christmas, I decided to give each of my class members a new Bible, hoping that Tuti would accept one along with everyone else," Jean explains.

She did.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Church

ASSOCIATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING REPORT

Discipleship Training is the organization assigned the task of helping church members, new church members, and church leaders grow in their Christian discipleship. The Discipleship Training program does not compete with other church programs, but when properly administered, enhances the total work of the church.

The discipleship Training Program has responsibility for teaching in five major content areas. These are: Christian Doctrine, Christian Ethics, Christian History, Church Policy & Organization, and Skill Development (in performing the function of a New Testament church).

During this past church year Discipleship Training in our association:

1. Took Associational Team to ADTT Conference at Ridgcrest.
2. Went to Strategic Planning Meeting.
3. No "M" night held.

Some of the goals set by our associational Discipleship Training Team for this year are:

1. Begin one new Discipleship Training Programs (ongoing or short term).
2. Increase the Discipleship Training Enrollment by 5%.

To strengthen the Discipleship Training programs of our association and to begin new programs and groups we have an excellent Discipleship Training Team. They are as follows:

Charles Craig Discipleship Training Director	Mamie Craig Children Consultant
Dale Luttrell Adults Consultant	Mary Green Preschool Consultant
Lloyd Buckner Youth Consultant	Rev. Burl Jones — New Work

We are available to serve the churches of Stony Fork Association. Please let us help you by informing us the particular training needs of your church.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles F. Craig, Director

OBITUARIES

Boone Fork	Mrs. Nancy Pearson
Long Ridge	Mrs. Virginia Woodie
Mt. Ephraim	Mrs. Dorothy Miller
	Mrs. Annie Randall
Rock Spring	Mr. Tom Simmons

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Mills Clerk

RESOLUTIONS

Let it be so resolved that Stony Fork Association expresses its appreciation to Bailey's Camp and Boone Fork Churches for their hospitality and delicious food.

We also appreciate the Christian fellowship and the excellent speakers and reports we have heard this year.

Betty Woods

STONY FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
History and Historical Table

HISTORY AND HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Churches	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1862	Zions Gate Meeting House, Wilkes Co.	Larkin Hodges	Larkin Pipes	Elder Larkin Hodge
1863	Yellow Hill	Larkin Hodges	Larkin Pipes	Wilson Bradshaw
1864	Minutes were not printed, manuscript got lost.			
1865	Mt. Ephriam	Larkin Hodges	J. R. Hodges	Joseph Harrison
1866	South Fork	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	Larkin Hodges
1867	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	J. R. Carlton
1868	Union	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	James Parsons
1869	Stony Fork	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	W. H. Phillips
1870	Old Field	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	William Wilcox
1871	Elk	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	James Parsons
1872	Mt. Vernon	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	J. R. Carlton
1873	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	Larkin Hodges
1874	Yellow Hill	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	James Parsons
1875	Laurel Fork	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Levi Wilson
1876	Stony Fork	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Larkin Hodges
1877	Poplar Grove	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	James Parsons
1878	Old Field	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	J. R. Carlton
1879	Elk	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Monroe Gragg
1880	Mt. Vernon	Larkin Hodges	William E. Greene	Monroe Gragg
1881	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivett	Levi Wilson
1882	Mt. Ephriam	J. F. Eller	John R. Hodges	James Parsons
1883	Yellow Hill	J. F. Eller	Elijah Trivett	Larkin Hodges
1884	Boones Fork	Larkin Hodges	Thomas Pipes	Larkin Pipes
1885	Buffalo Cove	J. F. Eller	Thomas Pipes	J. F. Eller
1886	Stony Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1887	Union	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	David Eller
1888	Laurel Fork	James Parsons	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1889	Poplar Grove	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	John F. Eller
1890	Mt. Vernon	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1891	Watauga	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1892	Mt. Paran	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1893	Boones Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	S. T. Carroll
1894	Yellow Hill	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	John F. Eller
1895	New River	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Geo. W. Trivett
1896	Elk	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1897	Laurel Fork	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1898	Buffalo Cove	J. C. Miller	Wm. M. Lee	J. F. Davis
1899	Mt. Vernon	E. M. Gragg	R. H. Pipes	J. J. I. Sherwood
1900	Watauga	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	D. C. Harman
1901	Stony Fork	J. C. Miller	Wm. M. Lee	John Crisp
1902	Poplar Grove	J. C. Miller	A. J. Shull	J. C. Blaylock
1903	Boones Fork	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1904	Mt. Ephriam	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	F. M. Gragg
1905	Mt. Paran	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1906	Yellow Hill	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Asa Brown
1907	New River	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	J. F. Davis
1908	Middle Cane	James F. Church	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1909	Elk	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1910	Laurel Fork	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1911	Mt. Vernon	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	D. M. Wheeler
1912	Poplar Grove	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	R. F. Wilcox
1913	Watauga	Thos. L. Day	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1914	Mt. Ephriam	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1915	Boones Fork	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	D. M. Wheeler
1916	Rock Springs	B. F. Wilcox	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1917	Mt. Paran	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1918	Due to the outbreak of influenza no Association was held.			
1919	Yellow Hill	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	B. F. Wilcox
1920	Mt. Vernon	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1921	Laurel Fork	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	D. M. Wheeler
1922	Watauga	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	Oscar Dellinger
1923	Poplar Grove	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1924	Boones Fork	B. F. Wilcox	J. Amos Hampton	W. D. Ashley
1925	Mt. Ephriam	B. F. Wilcox	J. Amos Hampton	J. A. Hampton
1926	Rock View	D. M. Wheeler	J. Amos Hampton	G. M. Watson

1927 Elk	D. M. Wheeler	R. F. Wilcox	A. C. Hamby
1928 Watauga	D. M. Wheeler	B. F. Wilcox	B. F. Wilcox
1929 Sandy Flat	D. M. Wheeler	B. F. Wilcox	G. M. Watson
1930 Middle Cane	W. D. Ashley	B. F. Wilcox	Linney Barnes
1931 Laurel Fork	W. D. Ashley	B. F. Wilcox	B. F. Wilcox
1932 New Hopewell	G. M. Watson	B. F. Wilcox	J. T. McGuire
1933 Yellow Hill	B. F. Wilcox	Roy Keller	G. M. Watson
1934 Mt. Vernon	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	R. H. Shore
1935 Grandmother Gap	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	W. J. Cook
1936 Mt. Ephriam	G. W. Gragg	Roy Keller	Carl Triplett
1937 Mt. View	B. F. Wilcox	G. M. Watson	Raymond Hendrix
1938 Watauga	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	W. D. Ashley
1939 Laurel Fork	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	W. J. Cook
1940 Bailey Camp	Carl Triplett	F. L. Hampton	G. M. Watson
1941 Sandy Flat	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	Roy Keller
1942 New Hopewell	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	B. F. Wilcox
1943 Boones Fork	Lee J. Church	N. L. Harrison	W. B. Bryant
1944 Watauga	N. L. Harrison	W. M. Brown	Frank Knight
1945 Laytown	N. L. Harrison	W. M. Brown	W. D. Ashley
1946 Mt. Vernon	G. M. Watson	W. M. Brown	W. D. Ashley
1947 Yellow Hill	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Roscoe Greene
1948 No Minutes, Manuscript lost at printers.	Held with Doe Ridge Church.		
1949 Mt. Paran	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Roscoe Greene
1950 Rock Springs	Theo Hendrix	N. L. Harrison	R. L. Barnes
1951 New Hopewell	Theo Hendrix	N. L. Harrison	Barney Oliver
1952 Boones Fork	G. M. Watson	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1953 East Flats	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	R. L. Barnes
1954 Mt. Ephriam	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	Lloyd J. Quiller
1955 Bailey Camp	Theo Hendrix	G. M. Watson	W. J. Cook
1956 Laurel Fork	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	W. M. Brown
1957 Mt. Vernon and Sandy Flat	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1958 Laytown and Rock Springs	Theo Hendrix	J. Merritt Coffey	Carson Eggers
1959 New Hopewell and Long Ridge	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	W. J. Cook
1960 Mt. Paran and Boones Fork	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	Wendell Critcher
1961 Watauga and Yellow Hill	Carson Eggers	J. Merritt Coffey	Dupree Gowan
1962 Mt. Ephriam and Sandy Flat	Carson Eggers	Miss Winitred Hampton	Ruby McNeil
1963 Doe Ridge and Rock Springs	Carson Eggers	Miss Winitred Hampton	W. M. Brown
1964 Bailey's Camp	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	Wm. Quinn
1965 Boones Fork	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	
1965 Laurel Fork	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	W. M. Brown
1965 Laytown	E. O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Storie	
1966 Longridge	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Phillip Martin
1966 Mt. Paran	A. C. Moody	Mrs. Clark Storie	Lyle (Pete) Vannoy
1967 Mt. Vernon	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Basil Tester
1967 New Hopewell	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	E. O. Bustle
1968 Rock Springs	A. C. Moody	Mrs. Clark Storie	A. C. Moody
1968 Sandy Flat	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Storie	Rayner Matheson
1969 Baileys Camp	Lewis Hodge	Mrs. Clark Storie	Lewis Hodge
1969 Boones Fork	Lewis Hodge	Mrs. Clark Storie	Herring Crisp
1970 Laurel Fork	Lewis Hodges	Mrs. Max West	David Austin
1970 Doe Ridge	Lewis Hodges	Mrs. Max West	Archie Clawson
1971 Laytown	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Raymond Turbyhill
1971 Longridge	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Sherrill Welborn
1972 Mt. Ephriam	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	Gurney Robbins
1972 Mount Paran	David Austin	Mrs. Max West	A. C. Moody
1973 Mt. Vernon	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Everette Watson
1973 New Hopewell	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Sherrill Welborn
1974 Rock Springs	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Merle Johnson
1974 Sandy Flat	Marvin Saunders	Mrs. Max West	Dale Milstead
1975 Yellow Hill	Merle Johnson	Mrs. Max West	Dean Hodges
1975 Bailey's Camp	Merle Johnson	Mrs. Max West	Max West
1976 Boones Fork	Charles Craig	Barbara West	A. C. Moody
1976 Doe Ridge			Lloyd Hoilman
1977 Laurel Fork	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Raymond Hendrix
1977 Laytown	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Max West

1978 Long Ridge	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Philip Martin
Mount Ephriam	Charles Craig	Barbara West	A.C. Moody
1979 Mount Vernon	Max West	Barbara West	Harold Bean
1979 Boone Fork	Max West	Barbara West	Harold Danner
1980 Mount Paron	Max West	Barbara West	Jim Lambert
1980 New Hopewell	Max West	Barbara West	Burl Jones
1981 Rock Spring	Max West	Barbara West	Cannon Ward
1981 Sandy Flat	Max West	Barbara West	Jim Lambert
1982 Watauga	Max West	Barbara West	Jack White
1982 Bailey Camp	Max West	Barbara West	Cecil Gragg
1983 Boone Fork	Jack White	Barbara West	Burl Jones
1983 Doe Ridge	Jack White	Barbara West	J.R. Robbins
1984 Laurel Fork	Jack White	Linda Mills	Jack White
Laytown	Jack White	Linda Mills	Ed Greene
1985 Long Ridge	J.R. Robbins	Linda Mills	Scott Church
Mount Ephriam	J.R. Robbins	Linda Mills	Ed Greene
1986 Rock Spring	J.R. Robbins	Linda Mills	Scott Church
Sandy Flat	J.R. Robbins	Linda Mills	Max West
1987 Bailey Camp	J.R. Robbins	Linda Mills	Greg Mathis
1987 Boone Fork	J.R. Robbins	Linda Mills	Everett Little
1988 Doe Ridge	Scott Church	Linda Mills	Kenneth Ridings
1988 Laytown	Scott Church	Linda Mills	Carter Moretz
1989 Long Ridge	Scott Church	Linda Mills	Alex Booth
1989 Mt. Ephriam	Scott Church	Linda Mills	Carter Moretz
1990 Rock Spring	George Berry	Linda Mills	Scott Church
1990 Sandy Flat	George Berry	Linda Mills	Max West
1991 Baily Camp	George Berry	Linda Mills	Jimmy Hubbard
1991 Boone Fork	George Berry	Linda Mills	Eugene Fillers

The churches, Buffalo Cove, Cool Springs, Wilkes County Elk, Stony Fork, and Yellow Hill, formerly belonging to other associations.

Met at the Stony Fork Baptist Church and organized the Stony Fork Baptist Association on November 9th and 10th, 1860, for this meeting appointed Elder Larkin Hodges, Moderator and Bro. Elijah Trivette, Clerk.

STONY FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Tables

Table A — Church Membership and Other Information

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Table C — Discipleship Training

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Table D – Music Ministry

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Table E — Woman's Missionary Union

TABLE E WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION		YEAR ENDING	July 31	1991	99
Association		(Month & Day)			
Stony Fork					
State					
North Carolina					
Associational WMU Director					
Eunice Luttrell					
Address		City		State	Zip
Rt. 1, Box 650		Blowing Rock,		N.C.	28605
CHURCHES	WMU DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)				Mission Friends (5 years and under— not in school)
Bailey's Camp	Edith Gryder, Rt. 2, Box 182, Blowing Rock, N.C. 28605				0
Boone Fork	Linda Mills, Rt. 1, Box 596, Blowing Rock, N.C. 28605				0
Laytown	Vera Dula, Rt. 1, Box 102, Ferguson, NC. 28624				0
Long Ridge	Norma Crowder, Rt. 2, Newland, N.C. 28657				0
Rock Spring	Linda Church, Rt. 1, Box 120, Purlear, N.C. 28665				0
Sandy Flat	Margaret Moody, Rt. 1, Box 294, Blowing Rock, N.C. 28605				0
BSSB - 1297 (Rev. 1-91)					
TOTALS					0
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS					

Table F — Brotherhood

TABLE F BROTHERHOOD		YEAR ENDING	July 31	1991	114	
Association		(Month & Day)				
Stony Fork						
State						
North Carolina						
Associational Brotherhood Director						
Dennis Oaks						
Address		City	N.C.	28624	State	Zip
Rt. 2, Ferguson						
CHURCHES	BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES (INCLUDE ZIP CODE)				Lads (6-8 years or grades 1-3)	
Rock Spring	Dennis Oaks, Rt. 2, Ferguson, N.C. 28624				0	
BSSB - 1297 (Rev. 1-91)						
TOTALS					0	
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS						

101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113
Number of Organizations					Enrollment							
Actives (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Baptist Young Women (18-34 years or H.S. graduation through 34 years)	Baptist Women (35 and over)	Mission(s) of church	Total number of organizations	Mission Friends (5 years and under— not in school)	Girls in Action (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	Actives (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Baptist Young Women (18-34 years or H.S. graduation through 34 years)	Baptist Women (35 and over)	WMU officers	Mission(s) of church	Total ongoing WMU enrollment
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	8	4	0	12
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	6
1	0	1	0	2	0	0	6	1	5	2	0	14
0	0	1	0	2	0	5	0	2	7	2	0	16
1	0	1	0	3	0	3	8	0	10	6	0	27
0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	2	0	8
2	0	6	0	9	1	8	14	3	40	18	0	83

115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123
Crusaders (9-11 years or grades 4-6)	Pioneers (12-14 years or grades 7-9)	High school Baptist Young Men enrollment	Baptist Young Men enrollment	Baptist Men enrollment	Mission Project Participation	Ongoing Missions Action Groups Participation	Enrollment of mission(s) of church	Total ongoing Brotherhood enrollment
3	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	12
3	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	12

Table G – Total Receipts, Local Expenditures & Stewardship

TABLE G TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES & STEWARDSHIP					YEAR ENDING July 31, 1991	124
Association Stony Fork					(Month & Day)	Undesignated gifts. offerings, etc.
State North Carolina						
Associational Treasurer Edith Gryder						
Address City State Zip Rt. 2, Box 182, Blowing Rock, N.C. 28605						
CHURCHES		TREASURER & ADDRESSES (INCLUDES ZIP CODE)				
Bailey's Camp	Mabel McLean, Rt. 8, Lenoir, N.C. 28645				8404	
Boone Fork	Linda Mills, Rt. 1, Box 596, Blowing Rock, N.C. 28605				8143	
Doe Ridge	Pauline Eldreth, 434 Grand Blvd., Boone, N.C. 28607				4430	
Laytown	Glenda Dillard, Rt. 5, Box 324, Lenoir, N.C. 28645				7715	
Long Ridge	Carol Thomas, Rt., 2, Box 507, Newland, NC. 28657				15322	
Mt. Ephraim	Sherlene Watson, Box 443, Deep Gap, N.C. 28618				14845	
Rock Spring	Patricia Smith, Beacon Hill, Lenoir, N.C. 28645				26200	
Sandy Flat	Charles Craig, Rt. 3, Box 730, Boone, N.C. 28607				25381	

Table H – Mission Expenditures

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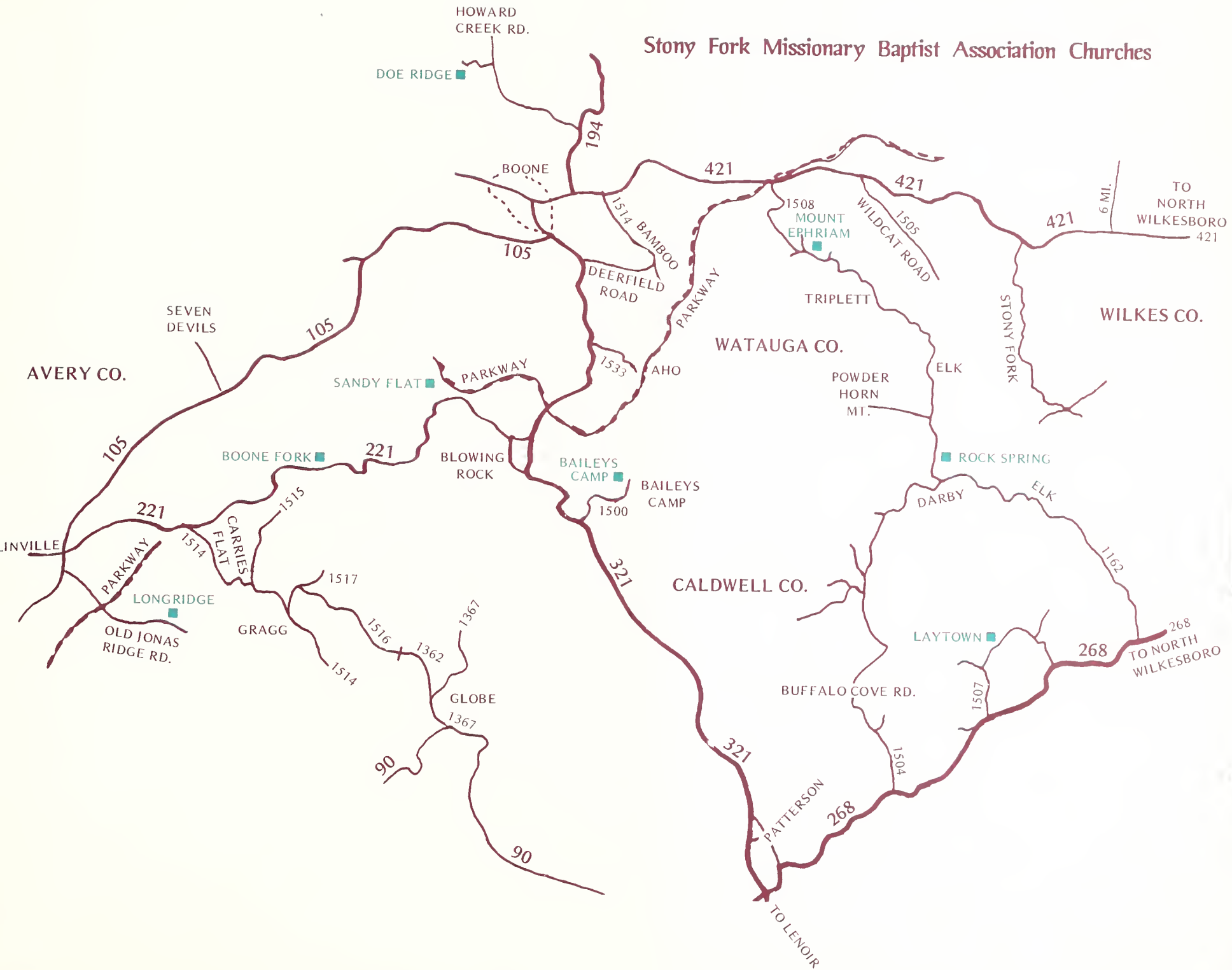
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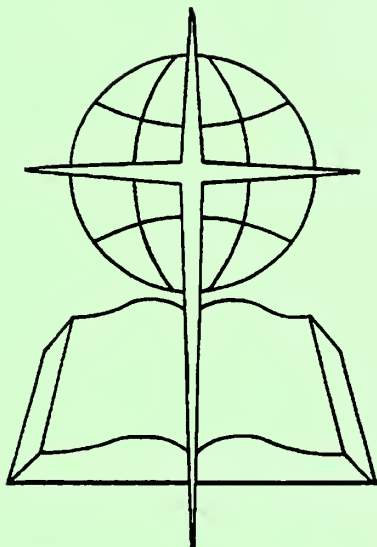
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Stony Fork Missionary Baptist Association Churches





**STONY FORK
MISSIONARY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OF
NORTH CAROLINA
1998 ANNUAL**

**1998 MINUTES OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVENTH
ANNUAL MEETING
OF
STONY FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OF
NORTH CAROLINA
AT
SANDY FLAT, AUGUST 7, 1998
AND
BAILEY'S CAMP, AUGUST 8, 1998**

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Doe Ridge, Boone, MO
Laytown, Lenoir, NC

Opening Date 8-6-99 Time of Opening Session ☒ Morning ☐ Afternoon ☐ Evening
Closing Date 8-7-99 Time of Closing Session ☒ Morning ☐ Afternoon ☐ Evening

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Missions Development Director	NAME	
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Stewardship Director	NAME	
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Evangelism Director	NAME	
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WMU Director	NAME	
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SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1999
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY EIGHTH
ANNUAL MEETING OF STONY FORK
MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 6, 1999
DOE RIDGE

- 8:30 Call to Order
- 8:35 Song
- 8:40 Devotion
- 8:50 Adoption of Program
- 9:00 Roll Call
- 9:05 Recognition of New Pastors and Workers
- 9:10 Vacation Bible School
- 9:15 Foreign Missions
- 9:25 Cooperative Program
- Stewardship
- 9:40 Evangelism
- 9:50 Finance Report - Budget
- 10:00 Break
- 10:10 Home Missions
- 10:25 State Missions
- 10:40 Children's Homes
- 10:55 Retirement Homes
- 11:10 Baptist Hospital
- 11:25 Christian Higher Education
- 11:40 Baptist Foundation
- 12:10 Annual Message
- 1:00 Adjourn - Lunch

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 7, 1999
LAYTOWN

- 8:30 Call to Order
- 8:35 Song
- 8:40 Devotion
- 8:50 Roll Call of Churches
- 8:55 Sunday School Report
- 9:00 Biblical Reporter
- 9:05 Discipleship Training
- 9:15 Women on Mission
- 9:25 Christian Action League/Temperance and Morals
- 9:50 General Board Report
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 Resolutions
- 10:20 Obituaries
- 10:25 Business Meeting - Election of Officers - Approve Budget
- 11:00 Annual Message
- 12:00 Adjourn - Lunch

CONSTITUTION

OF THE STONY FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

For the declaration of its fundamental purposes and the permanent guidance and control of its activities, the body does adopt the following as its constitution, to wit:

ARTICLE I - Name and Membership

SECTION 1. This body shall be known as the Stony Fork Missionary Baptist Association of North Carolina.

SECTION 2. The association is composed of Missionary Baptist Churches.

SECTION 3. Any Baptist church may be admitted into this Association upon recommendation of the Committee of Petitionary Letters and Constitution of the Churches Committee and the majority vote of members present at any meeting as prescribed in Article IX.

SECTION 4. Any church, at her discretion, may withdraw from this body.

SECTION 5. This association may, at any meeting, after an investigation and report of a duly authorized committee of the Association, by a majority vote, declare a dissolution of union with any church deemed corrupt, either in doctrine or practice.

SECTION 6. Each church shall elect its messengers to the annual associational meeting. Each messenger must be certified in the annual church letter to the Association and must be appointed on the following ration: five messengers, in addition to the pastor, for each church having a membership not exceeding fifty, and one additional messenger for each increase of fifty. In no case shall the total number of messengers exceed ten for any given church, in addition to the pastor.

SECTION 7. When any church shall fail to be represented by letter or messenger for two consecutive years, the Missions Committee shall confer with the church, and if satisfactory reason is not given, and there is no evidence that said church wishes to keep alive their affiliation with the Association, the committee shall bring its findings to the next Executive Committee meeting, and the Association shall, at that time, by a majority of present members, vote to withdraw fellowship. The Association recognizes the right of any affiliated church to withdraw its fellowship from the Association.

SECTION 8. The Annual Associational meeting shall convene on Friday at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 1:00 p.m. (lunch to follow). It shall reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday and adjourn at the completion of business for the noon meal. This following the first Sunday in August.

ARTICLE II - Purpose

SECTION 1. The prime purpose of the Association shall be to

counsel together for the enlargement and strengthening of God's kingdom and to promote unity and growth among the churches composing it.

SECTION 2. It shall be the purpose of this Association to enlist all of the churches into full cooperation with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention and their agencies in the work of missions, evangelism, christian education and social service.

ARTICLE III - Powers and Prerogatives

SECTION 1. The Association, when convened in meeting, shall sit as an advisory council and shall have no power to infringe on any of the internal rights and affairs of the member churches. It may advise, however, with the member churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption or rejection.

SECTION 2. When grievances occur between any members or minority group of any church which is a member of the Association, The Association, the Executive Committee, or Missions Committee, or the committee designated by and acting for either of these bodies, may advise or give aid in matters which do not infringe on the rights of the local church, and this only on the invitation of the individual or group involved.

SECTION 3. Any church found unfaithful to the faith and practices common to the Association, as outlined in Addendum I - ARTICLES OF FAITH (the Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963) shall be encouraged to correct such errors. If the conduct of said church is not corrected and is of such nature as to alienate said church from the orderly and faithful churches of the association, the Executive Committee of the Association can recommend that fellowship be withdrawn from said church, and upon a majority vote of the messengers in the annual session, fellowship of said church can be withdrawn. (See Article 1, Section 7).

ARTICLE IV - The Executive Committee

SECTION 1. The Association shall have an Executive Committee to serve as the Association between annual meetings, assisting in the overall work of the Association with such limitations as may be imposed by the constitution.

SECTION 2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the associational officers and the pastors, and the chairman of deacons, along with two elected lay persons from each church. Sixteen members shall constitute a quorum. The names of these persons shall be furnished annually to the associational clerk, if changes occur during the associational year, these changes shall be forwarded to the clerk.

SECTION 3. At the beginning of each Executive Committee meeting, a roll call will be taken of each church and its representatives.

SECTION 4. The Executive Committee shall meet on the second Sunday of September, November, March, and July. These meetings shall be held in churches of the Association, consecutively in

alphabetical order.

ARTICLE V - Officers

SECTION 1. The officers of this body shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Brotherhood Director, WMU Director, Vacation Bible School Director, Music Director, Pianist, and Evangelism Director.

SECTION 2. The officers of the Association shall be elected at each regular Annual Associational Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall fill vacancies that may occur in the respective categories between annual meetings of the Association by bringing names to the Executive Committee for their approval

SECTION 3. By the virtue of the office, the Associational Director of Missions is considered an ex-officio member of all associational committees. For all qualifications and terms of office, see Article VII, Section 1.

ARTICLE VI - Duties of Officers

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator of the Association to preside over the annual sessions, and at the quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee. As the presiding officer, he shall open the meetings punctually at the appointed time, enforce the rules, preserve order, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer, according to the principles of established parliamentary usage. He shall provide leadership for a progressive ideal throughout the Association. He shall be elected for a one year term, and he shall not succeed himself for a maximum of two full terms. He shall appoint in advance any other committees he may deem necessary or advisable. Each of these committees shall report at the annual meeting for which they are appointed. It shall be the responsibility of the Moderator to call any needed meetings at any time he deems necessary. The moderator is considered an ex-officio member of all committees.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to discharge the duties of the Moderator in his absence or at his request.

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Association in regular and special sessions; to keep accurate records of quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee; to keep on file the printed minutes and other important documents belonging to the Association; to furnish the churches with blank letter forms on which to make the annual reports to the Association; to superintend the printing of the minutes, and to distribute them to the churches as soon after adjournment as possible. For this service, the clerk shall be paid annually an amount recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Association.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive all funds of the Association and to disburse the same in accordance with the budget of the Association or for the purposes

for which the funds were contributed, to render to the Association an itemized report of the receipts and disbursements at the first session of the annual meeting. In the treasurer's absence, a member of the Finance Committee shall give the report. The treasurer shall make available through the associational newsletter a quarterly report including the contributions of each church in the Association. A quarterly report shall be made available at the quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee. For this service, the treasurer shall be paid annually an amount recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Association.

SECTION 5. The Sunday School Director shall take the initiative in promoting inspirational meetings, study courses, and leadership classes for the churches of the Association. He shall work in cooperation with the denominational Sunday School agencies in promoting the denominational programs; and he will be responsible for coordinating and promoting Vacation Bible School work in conjunction with the Vacation Bible School Director. He shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for his organization.

SECTION 6. The Discipleship Training Director shall take the initiative in promoting the regular meetings projected by the State Convention and be available to the churches for help in strengthening the established unions and encourage the organization of new unions in churches without them. He shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for his organization.

SECTION 7. The Brotherhood Director shall be responsible for promoting missionary education within the Association and be available to the churches to assist in strengthening organizations and programs of existing units. He shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for his organization.

SECTION 8. The WMU Director shall be responsible for promoting missionary education within the Association and shall be available to the churches to assist in promoting and establishing new Baptist Women and Baptist Women auxiliary units, and shall assist in strengthening the organizations and programs of existing units. She shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for her organization.

SECTION 9. The Vacation Bible School Director shall work in conjunction with the Sunday School Director in enlisting and training workers, planning and organizing for the annual Vacation Bible School Clinic.

SECTION 10. The Music Director shall take the initiative in promoting the meetings and activities suggested by the State Music Leadership and be available to the churches to help in strengthening their music programs. The Music Director will be responsible for the music at the associational and Executive Committee meetings. He shall also work with the Nominating Committee in enlisting leadership for his organization.

SECTION 11. The Pianist will be responsible for playing the piano at all associational and Executive Committee meetings.

SECTION 12. The Evangelism Chairman will work with the

Evangelism program in planning, promoting, and coordinating all evangelistic activities for the Association in conjunction with the Director of Missions.

ARTICLE VIII - Director of Missions

Statement of Purpose and Position Title:

The office or position will be known as the Director of Missions for the Stony Fork Missionary Baptist Association. The Director of Missions shall provide responsible leadership in the work of the Association through performing such basic functions as the planning, correlation, and implementation of programs, program services, and ministries of the Association; counsel the churches; agencies of needs, problems, and potentialities, with the Association; and interpret to the churches the program resources and other assistance available for the Baptist State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

SECTION 1. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Planning and coordination

1. Lead the Association in strategy planning; establishing and maintaining a long-range program. Lead the Association to set goals and encourage the churches to work toward them.

2. Coordinate the associational work and meetings by serving as ex-officio member of all committees.

3. Work with program officers and the Nominating Committee in selecting and enlisting leaders for organizations and committees of the Association.

4. Counsel, encourage, and lead in training the associational officers.

B. Education and Promotion

1. Seek to assist the pastors and the churches in programs suitable for their growth and development, recognizing the differences in size and diversity of membership, utilizing persuasion to promote fellowship and cooperation.

2. Seek out in cooperation with the Missions Committee, places of mission needs and seek to enlist and appropriate churches to meet these needs. In the event no church(es) can be listed, upon the instructions of the Missions Committee, the Director of Missions may lead in such a program in the name of Stony Fork Baptist Association.

3. Promote church organizational programs: Sunday School, Discipleship Training, Church Music, Brotherhood, WMU, and Vacation Bible School and Leadership Training.

4. Promote church assistance programs: Evangelism, Stewardship and Family Life.

5. Plan for and promote simultaneous efforts, such as: World Missions Conference, revival crusades, enlargement campaigns, training school, etc.

6. Prepare in cooperation with the Missions Committee an annual associational calendar. Prepare a monthly

associational newsletter for distribution in the Association.

7. Attend denominations meetings and conferences as budget and time considerations permit.

8. Report to the Executive Board at its regular meetings and to the Association in annual session.

C. Service Ministry

1. Provide counsel and help as requested by pastors and churches.

2. Serve as pulpit supply, assist in church surveys, and conduct studies and revivals as requested in keeping with terms of employment, if he is an ordained minister. Pulpit supply for a period of 4 weeks.

3. Manage the associational office, supervise associational employees, and maintain equipment of the Association.

4. Cooperate with the Finance Committee in planning the budget and promoting giving to the Association.

5. Establish and announce office hours to best utilize the division of time between the associational office and field responsibilities.

6. Always working through the pastors, the Director of Missions will be available to offer aid to churches in need of assistance. No program will be conducted for a church without the invitation of the pastor and/or church. In the event the church is without a pastor, the Director of Missions will respond to request from the church leadership.

SECTION 2. Terms of Employment

A. Term of Office - the Director of Missions shall be called for an indefinite term of service.

B. Remuneration - will be recommended by the Missions and Finance Committees and approved by the Association.

C. Honorariums - will be received for pulpit supply, weddings, funerals, revivals, and pastoral service, not directly related to his normal responsibilities; shall be considered personal remuneration.

D. Work Schedule - schedules will vary, with weekends normally being kept for services in churches in the Association.

E. Work Accountability - The Missions Committee pledges itself to a ministry of loyalty, support, and loving encouragement to the Director of Missions, so that under the leadership of the Spirit of God, he may render the most effective service possible.

F. Both parties must give a thirty day notice before termination.

SECTION 3. Qualifications

A. Spiritual - a committed Christian with an sense of definite call to mission service.

B. Educational - Preferably college and seminary degrees, or their equivalent.

C. Special Knowledge and Skills - Knowledge of Baptist denominational life and willingness to continue to learn; vision, flexibility, and demonstrated leadership, ability in planning, conducting, and evaluating the work of the Association.

D. Character - Christian integrity.

E. Experience - Pastoral ministry preferred, Christian education or associational and other mission experience are necessary. Preferably the associational experience should be as a Director of Missions, associational staff member, or as an active and responsible officer in the Association. The mission experience may be in the establishment of and involvement in mission outreach and ministry in a mission, church or association.

ARTICLE III - Committees and Their Duties

SECTION 1. The committee of Time, Place and Preacher shall be composed of three members. It shall be the duty of the committee to recommend to the Association, the churches where the next session will be held, preferably to be taken in alphabetical order, and also the preacher for the annual session. In order to alleviate any hardship on any one church hosting the associational meeting, it is suggested that two churches may jointly host each meeting. Expenses, meeting places, and other arrangements will be coordinated by the churches selected.

SECTION 2. The Committee on Resolutions shall be composed of two members. It shall be the duty of this committee to draw and present to the Association suitable resolutions of appreciation and expressions of sentiments on any matter chosen by the committee or as directed by the messengers of the Association.

SECTION 3. The Program Committee shall be composed of the general officers of the Association. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare and present a suggested order of business to be adopted by the Association. When adopted, the program becomes the order of business unless changed by common consent or by the vote of the body.

SECTION 4. The Committee of Nominations shall be composed of five members (pastors of each church). It shall be the duty of the committee to prepare for the Association the names of individuals as nominees for the following officers and reports: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Treasurer, Clerk, Sunday School Director, Discipleship Training Director, Music Director, Vacation Bible School Director, Brotherhood Director, Pianist, Evangelism Director, and Associational State Representatives, also persons for the following reports shall also be selected: Home Missions, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Stewardship, Cooperative Program, Obituaries, Temperance and Morals, VBS, WMU, Sunday School, and any others designated by the Association. Representatives for the following shall be selected: N.C. Baptist Hospital, N.C. Children's Homes, Baptist Home for the Aging, Denominational Colleges (Christian Higher Education), Denominational Literature, Annuity Board, Baptist Foundation, and any others designated by the Association. The Committee on Nominations shall be responsible for selecting and contacting each of these persons for their approval before the annual meeting. The floor shall be open for nominations for these officers on the day of the annual meeting. Nominations from the floor shall be taken first, then the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall give the nomination of the committee.

All nominees must be contacted before and permission given for acceptance of nomination. The WMU will elect their officers.

SECTION 5. The Finance Committee shall be composed of five members, one of which will include the Treasurer of the Association. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare and recommend a budget for the Association and to suggest ways and means whereby the budget can be raised by the local churches and to secure the cooperation of the churches in raising the budget. The Finance Committee will present the proposed budget on the first day of the annual meeting with discussion and adoption scheduled for the second day. The Finance Committee shall meet prior to the quarterly Executive Committee meeting and shall prepare a regular form acceptable to the Association, a detailed financial report which shall be given to each member present at the quarterly meeting and the annual meeting.

SECTION 6. The Missions Committee shall be composed of five members (pastors of each church) and this committee shall report to and cooperate with the Executive Committee of the Association. The duties of this committee are: (a) coordinate and help promote through the organizations and committees all phases and activities of the associational programs, (b) cooperate with the local churches in making surveys of areas which, in the opinion of the Missions Committee, are not being adequately served by the local missionary Baptist work, and to promote and develop these new phases of the missions programs, (c) serve in advisory capacity to the Director of Missions in all matters pertaining to his work and to serve with him in directing and promoting the missions programs of the Association, (d) provide information and assistance to the departments of State Missions of the N.C. Baptist Convention in meeting local missionary needs, such as missionary pastor's assistance, promoting mission causes, etc., (e) meet prior to the Executive Committee or at any time necessary to discharge its duties, (f) shall have the following responsibilities relating to the office of Director of Missions:

1. Serve as a search committee for a Director of Missions.
2. Recommend to the Executive Committee the name of the nominee.
3. Coordinate financial matters with the Baptist State Convention.
4. Serve as a liaison between the churches and the Director of Missions.

SECTION 7. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall be composed of the Missions Committee and one selected layperson of the Association, making six members. It shall be the duty of this committee to review and update the constitution and by-laws as it becomes necessary. This committee will recommend revisions and amendments concerning the constitution and by-laws to the Association as deemed necessary. They shall meet at least once a year before the annual meeting to review and discuss the constitution.

SECTION 8. The Committee of Petitionary Letters and Constitutions of churches:

ARTICLE IX - Petitionary letters and constitution of churches

The Committee of Petitionary Letters and Constitutions of the Churches shall be made up of the Missions Committee members.

SECTION 1. Any group of baptized believers in Christ desiring to organize themselves into a missionary Baptist church with the purpose of seeking the recognition of, and fellowship and cooperate with this Association, shall be required to fulfill the following requirements. They shall submit their request for admission to the Director of Missions or the Moderator, who will in turn forward it to the Committee of Petitionary Letters. In addition to the letter of request, a church must also furnish a report of work accomplished since its organization, a copy of the church covenant, and its articles of faith.

SECTION 2. Any church seeking admission into the fellowship of the Association must be under the watchcare of the Association for a period of one year before it can be admitted. During this interim period, the church shall be expected to have part in the support of the causes fostered by the Association, the N.C. State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

SECTION 3. The findings of the Committee on Petitionary Letters shall be reported at the annual meeting or at the Executive Committee meeting with a recommendation either for or against admission.

SECTION 4. If the church is accepted under the watchcare of the Association, the Committee on Petitionary Letters shall recommend at the end of the year that the church be accepted into full fellowship provided that examination of that years work done and a study of the cooperative spirit of that church proves to be in accordance to the principles of the churches of the Association. A two-thirds majority vote of the messengers or Executive Committee members present shall be needed for such an action to be completed. There will be an appropriate program conducted during the annual meeting to formally welcome this new church into the Association.

SECTION 5. For a sister cooperative Missionary Baptist church that is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, that wishes to join or transfer status, the same procedure is needful with the exception of the one year associational watchcare. Upon receipt of letter of request, the Committee of Petitions shall recommend its findings to the Executive Committee, and after a thirty day period of investigation, the discretion of the Executive Committee shall be used if immediate acceptance of fellowship is possible. If accepted, a program of welcoming shall be presented at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE X - Amendments

The constitution or any part of the constitution shall be amended at the annual meeting in August, with the acceptance by two-thirds majority vote. It is suggested that all changes and recommendations of amendments be submitted two months prior to the annual meeting, to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for their careful consideration; however, any messenger has a right

to submit proposed changes in accordance with this article

BY-LAWS

1. All associational meetings shall be opened and closed in prayer.

2. "Roberts Rules of Order" shall be used as guidelines for parliamentary procedure in all meetings. The Moderator will be responsible for having a copy of same at all meetings and a copy of parliamentary procedures and the gavel of the Association shall be transferred upon succession of the moderator.

3. All associational officers shall exercise authority over their department and shall give a financial accounting to the Finance Committee for monies expended.

4. Election and installation of officers shall take place on the last day of the annual meeting in August, and these officers shall be responsible for planning, coordinating, and providing leadership for the coming year in the Association.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Time, Place and Preacher Committee will be amended to the hosting church pastor or a preacher of his choice will be the preacher for the associational meetings. Committee membership will be filled according to the number of people participating in the associational work.

Article VIII - Committees and their duties, Section 4 - amended to: recommendations from the Nominating Committee shall be presented first, then nominations will be taken from the floor.

REPORTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is always an exciting time for children(and adults) and workers as they meet together for a time of Bible study and activities. Fun, isn't it? Exhausting, isn't it? Worth it, isn't it? Yes, Yes, Yes. Probably by now you've already been through this. If your church has not yet conducted a VBS, I do hope you will make an effort to set aside a time (this could be a weekend or an all day session) to do so.

This year our Associational VBS Team attended the state clinic at Hickory. We also held the associational clinic at Rock Spring Baptist Church for workers in our churches. Those serving on our team were: Barbara West--Preschool; Eunice Luttrell--Children; Mamie Craig--Youth; Linda Mills--Adult. My thanks to these who so willingly gave of their time to work with me. Thanks to all of you in our churches who have helped to create lasting memories in the lives of the children and youth you have worked with, for learning about our Lord is the most important thing we can help them with.

Respectfully submitted,
Edith Gryder, Assoc. VBS Dir.

Introduction

to Your Guide to International Missions

A young student enrolling in a state university in Morocco declares to a Southern Baptist that he is “definitely” a Muslim. Fourteen months later, he asks in earnest, “What do I have to do to be a Christian?”

In Brazil, a teen-ager with a disability crawls to a Baptist church because he is curious about the U.S. volunteers working there. Their testimony leads him to Jesus.

These are but two examples taken from field reports contained in this guide to Southern Baptist missions. One is from a country where the teachings of Islam have kept the vast majority of people blind to the compassion of God in Christ. The other is from a region where evangelical numbers are rapidly expanding as individuals accept unmediated freedom to relate to their Savior. Together they represent the breadth of God’s activities through Southern Baptists as record numbers of both missionaries and short-term personnel, buoyed by aggressive prayer and financial support, have labored together to bring a lost world to salvation.

When added together, the results during the middle years of the 1990s have been amazing: 300,000 baptisms achieved for the first time in 1994; more than 2,600 churches started the following year (a figure up 70 percent since the beginning of the decade); an aggregate worldwide membership that passed 4 million in 1995. Combined with evidence of a reinvigorated support of missions in the United States, such results are being celebrated not only in their own right but as evidence of greater things that God will do through Southern Baptists in the near future.

Much of the excitement has been stirred by efforts of a new missions leadership team, led by President Jerry Rankin, to prepare Southern Baptists to be effective leaders among Great Commission groups as we enter the next millenium.

Philosophically, the new administration has committed to becoming a channel through which all Southern Baptists can fulfill their own missions calling as the turn of the century approaches. This ambition underpinned a new mission statement, adopted by Foreign Mission Board trustees in December 1994: “We will lead Southern Baptists to be on mission with God to bring all the peoples of the world to saving faith in Jesus Christ.”

To fulfill that ideal, several programs were started or strengthened to enable expanded missions involvement by U.S. missions supporters. For those called to prayer, *PrayerLine*, a toll-free telephone service, provided up-to-date prayer needs from the fields. By 1996 it was receiving more than 230,000 calls per year. A complementary on-line prayer network, *CompassionNet*®, also was launched, giving computer users instantaneous access to pressing missionary needs.

Although gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Southern Baptist Convention’s Cooperative Program remain the primary funding sources for international missions activities, more ways for individuals and churches to personalize their giving are being offered through the board’s development office and through special development councils set up in key Southern Baptist population centers.

In addition, the board continues to recognize the ministry potential of volunteers, joining in projects

that saw as many as 15,000 per year serve during the middle 1990s. Volunteer leaders were projecting this number to double in the near future. Key partnership agreements between the board and both the Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood Commission were entered to facilitate their involvement. Board administrators also have assigned career personnel with the specific function of helping coordinate volunteer arrangements and ministries in key regions of the world.

While the philosophy of the new administration seeks to involve more Southern Baptists in the overseas missions endeavor, the strategy of board leaders has been refined to direct resources along a primarily dual tract: one is labeled the "harvest fields," those areas where God is moving in mighty ways in bringing individuals to Him; the other is labeled The Last Frontier, referring to people groups in which the majority have little, or no, access to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Methodology for reaching peoples of the Last Frontier has been pioneered by Southern Baptists serving under the board's humanitarian-aid organization Cooperative Services International (CSI). Although field reports of these representatives cannot be published here due to the cultural and political sensitivities involved, 367 of the new churches started in 1995 were among these peoples. One people group, with only 65 known believers a few years ago, now has more than 200,000.

This combination of new philosophy and strategy promises to impact Southern Baptist missions efforts in the coming years. One change involved the name of the Foreign Mission Board. In June 1997, it became the International Mission Board (IMB), signifying on one hand the international scope of the Southern Baptist missions vision while on the other hand correcting a semantic obstacle that in recent years has generated hostility in some quarters of the world where ministries are undertaken through the IMB. Another change in progress involves a focus away from ministries to nations in favor of ministries to people groups when assigning resources. This strategy has proven highly effective, even within the harvest areas.

These new directions already are being reflected in the field accounts contained in this report. As you read, you will learn about how, in Belarus, a small group of Baptists went to a lake resort where they planned to baptize eight fellow believers and wound up, as a result of their short evangelistic service, seeing more than 150 of the 2,000 people there profess Christ on the spot; you will see how relief efforts in Haiti assisted nearly 50,000 people and paved the way for witness to the compassion of a Christian people. In short, you will become informed about a multitude of ways that God is using Southern Baptists to bring people to Him in all corners of the world.

You also will become informed about local economic, cultural and political realities that are impacting the ability of people to respond to the Christian message. We hope this information will lead you to praise God for both the cumulative and the individual victories won; for the safety of Southern Baptist personnel in tense situations; for the ongoing advance of the gospel in accordance with God's plan outlined in the Great Commission of Jesus. Further we hope that these reports will lead you to consider how you can take an increasingly active part in supporting these efforts through your prayers, your gifts and your going as the International Mission Board leads Southern Baptists in joining God's vision for missions in the 21st century.

STEWARDSHIP AND THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

There is one thing we know for sure, we cannot out give God. His blessings are innumerable but He expects us to be good Stewards of those blessings. Here are 6 blessings of giving:

1. It gives us the fulfillment that comes from responding to God's call.
2. It widens our world and we learn to care about people beyond our circle.
3. It teaches us how to pray because we encounter situations we cannot handle alone.
4. It brings lasting friendships and real fellowship when we work with fellow Christians on a project that has been ordained by God.
5. It matures our character because if we are seeking the ways of God we will be growing in love, knowledge and righteousness.
6. It helps us to know God's word and to incorporate it into our lives when we learn what the Bible says about giving and sharing the Good News.

Now, how does all this tie in with the Cooperative Program? Because the Cooperative Program is the best way for us to be good stewards. The CP was established in 1925 to replace many different societies which represented specific causes. It is one central plan that allows churches to pool their resources in a united effort to fund missions. Through it we are partners with 40 Baptist state conventions, we support almost 5,000 missionaries through the North American Mission Board by giving to the Cooperative Program and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The NAMB also supports 2,500 chaplains, 82,000 volunteers, provides resources for missions education and coordinates multistate disaster relief response.

Through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, we support International Missions and 4,447 foreign missionaries. For the first time since 1981, Southern Baptist surpassed their goal for the 1997 Lottie Moon offering giving \$100,064,318, seven million more than given the previous year.

If you take the Great Commission seriously, believe that all people deserve a chance to hear the gospel, want to move beyond business as usual, want to link hearts and hands with those who are focusing on the unreached, and want personal involvement in completing our Lord's mandate, then urge your church to increase their giving to the Cooperative Program.

I would like to congratulate Stony Fork Association on its giving to the missions mentioned in this report and all the other missions out churches are involved in. When we met to work on the budget we

we were made aware of just how much our few churches manage to give each year for the Lord's work in our area, in our state, in our nation and throughout the world. God has truly blessed us and it is our responsibility to be the good stewards He expects us to be with these blessings.

I would encourage each of you to search your hearts and souls because perhaps God is calling you to be more involved in His Great Commission than you already are.

**STONY FORK ASSOCIATION
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM
AND
STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

CHURCH	1996-97	1997-98
Bailey's Camp	1,033.00	2,658.00
Doe Ridge	337.00	370.00
Laytown	-0-	-0-
Mt . Ephraim	-0-	-0-
Rock Spring	6,355.00	7,588.00
Sandy Flat	341.00	397.00
TOTAL	\$8,066.00	\$11,013.00

This represents an increase of \$2,947.00 in giving to the Cooperative Program.



BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA
EVANGELISM

MILTON A. HOLLIFIELD, JR.
Division Director, Ext. 452

NELSON SEARCY
Personal Evangelism, Ext. 450

Date: July 15, 1997

Memo to: North Carolina Baptist Church and Association Leaders

Memo from: Milton A. Hollifield, Jr.

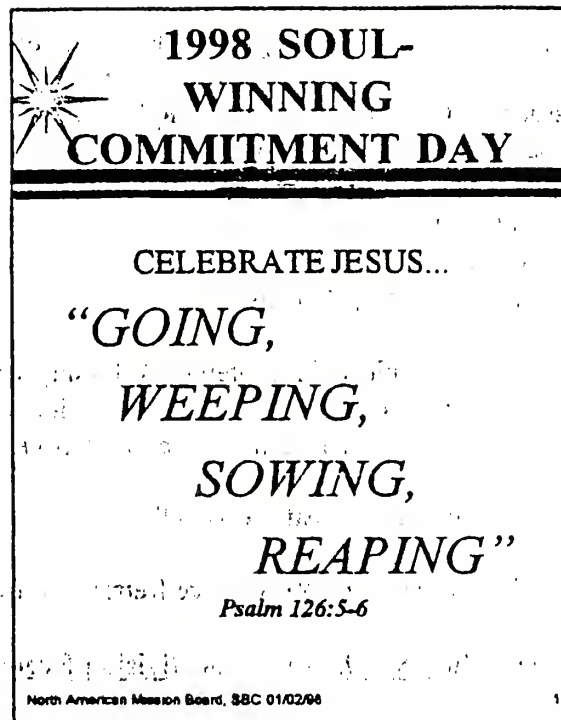
Memo subject: Preparation for Celebrate Jesus 2000

As you are aware, we are soon approaching the beginning of a new millennium. Historically, some great spiritual accomplishments have occurred during such times. Whether or not all the world will recognize it, this calendar change is a reminder of the importance of God's entrance into this world through His Son, Jesus Christ. We are standing on the threshold of an unprecedented time, one of our finest moments of opportunity. Numerous evangelical denominations are working in a massive cooperative effort called Mission America 2000. The goal is to pray for and communicate the Gospel to all residents of North America by year end 2000. The principal thrust of this evangelism strategy will occur in 1999 and 2000. The North American Mission Board recently sent a **CELEBRATE JESUS 2000 CHURCH PARTICIPATION MANUAL** to each of our N.C. Baptist churches. This new manual presents time line schedules to aid in the implementation of this strategy.

Many church leaders appreciate the opportunity of choices in developing strategies to reach their goals. I believe the leadership in our churches want to reach people in their communities with the Gospel. Some have developed their own method of doing this while others enjoy being a part of a statewide or national strategy. The most important thing is that we do something. We are providing training events for those Baptist Associations and churches who want to learn more about the strategy called Celebrate Jesus 2000. For those who wish to do something different, the Evangelism Division will gladly assist you in formulating your own plan if you desire our help.

Five initial CJ 2000 area wide training events will be conducted across our state September 21-25, 1998. I have tried to locate these events within a 2 hour driving distance for most people. A former N.C. resident, Toby Frost, from NAMB, was very instrumental in the development of CJ 2000 and he will be our guest conference leader for these training sessions. Rev. Frost has also done much work in the design and promotion of the Evangelistic Block Party and other special evangelistic events. More recently, Toby has done much work in designing and launching the Kansas City based Mapping Center For Evangelism which is a remarkable computer program available to churches for pinpointing prospects in your community. Training for this is also available through this Evangelism Division.

If you are interested in learning more about how your church can participate and benefit from the CJ 2000 evangelism strategy, attend one of the training events in September. **The time will be 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in each location.** These sessions are open to everyone. Pastors are encouraged to bring their church evangelism committee members. Reservations are not required, but bring the manual you received via mail.



It's get ready to Celebrate Jesus in a way that would really please Him. Christ's Great Commission calls on Christians to share the gospel and make disciples of all nations. It includes every resident of North America and the world. He definitely intended for His followers to carry this out. Southern Baptists and other evangelical Christians have made this their goal between now and the end of the year 2000.

Now we are less than two and one half years from the beginning of the new millennium, and "Celebrate Jesus 2000" has been adopted by the SBC as our theme (some state conventions are using other themes to accomplish the same goals). Whatever the theme, we are all together with the intention to reach out to every person in North America through prayer, personal witness, proclamation and preservation. The major launch of Celebrate Jesus 2000 is set for January, 1999. But we can't wait until then to get ready. Soul-Winning Commitment Day, 1998, can be just the right occasion to get your church on track for the launch of Celebrate Jesus 2000.

The date suggested for SWCD on the SBC calendar is the first Sunday of October. Some churches may want to use Nov. 1st or another Sunday. In July, every SBC church will receive two 1998 Soul-Winning Commitment Day packets, one for the Pastor and another for the Sunday School Director or Minister of Education. Please don't file this away until October. It has ideas and helps to get you started leading your church to be ready for the awesome opportunity that will be ours if He has not returned before the new millennium begins. August and September are important months of preparation, and this material can save you time and money as you prepare. Three standard features of SWCD will be included in the packet: (1) Ideas for the morning SWCD service, at which time individual commitment can be called for, (2) the evening of SWCD, which can be an evangelism launch service or rally, calling for commitment to the church's evangelism strategy for the year, and (3) "Great Day The Morning!" an evangelistic Sunday School and Worship High Attendance and Enrollment Campaign, designed to bring many lost people to a great harvest service on the last Sunday of October. The contents of the 1998 SWCD Packet will be on the internet, downloadable from this website: <http://www.thegoodnews.org>.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HIGH ATTENDANCE/SOUL WINNING COMMITMENT DAY

SUGGESTED DATE – OCTOBER 4, 1998

1998 Evangelism Division Events

August	14-15 28-30	BLWF Annual Meeting - Caraway Conference Center CWT Seminar - Patterson Springs - Shelby (revised model)
September	21-25 21 22 23 24 25	Celebrate Jesus 2000 Area-wide Training Events Buncombe Baptist Resource Center, Asheville First Baptist Church, Clemmons Baptist Building, Cary West End Church, Williamston Warsaw Baptist Church, Warsaw
October	2-3 4 26-30	Conf. on Prayer for Spiritual Awakening & Evangelism - FBC, Kings Mountain Soul Winning Commitment Day - "Going Weeping, Sowing Reaping" BSSB "Faith" Evangelism Training - Hickory Grove - Charlotte
November	20-22	Fall Youth Evangelism Retreat - Caswell
December	31	"Exciting Alternative" New Year's Eve Retreat - Caraway

Tentative Dates for 1999 Evangelism Division Events

January	11-12 21-22	State Evangelism Conference - Calvary Baptist, Winston-Salem Vocational Evangelists Conf. - Caraway
March	19-20	National Conference on Prayer "Great Commission Praying" with Henry Blackaby - Pleasant Garden, Greensboro area
April	16-17 16	Interfaith Witness Seminar - Caraway Church Orientation - WITNESS/EVANGELS - Caraway
May	31-June 4	Youth Evangelism Week I - Caswell
June	4-6 18-19 21-26	Single Adult Evangelism Conference - Caswell Lay Renewal Gathering Youth Evangelism Week II - Caswell
June	28-July 3	Youth Evangelism Week III - Caswell
July	27-28 29-30	Operation Yahweh - Charlotte Area SUPER SUMMER '99 - Carowinds
August	2-7 20-21	Youth Evangelism Week IV - Caswell BLWF Annual Meeting
October	3 18-19	Soul Winning Commitment Day Innovative Precepts for Church Growth Summit TBA - <i>Creative Evangelism</i>
November	19-21	Fall Youth Evangelism Retreat - Caswell
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STONY FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Annual Financial Report

Aug. 7, 1998

Balance August 1, 1997 \$ 7354.89

Contributions from churches for year:

--Bailey's Camp	\$ 1130.00
--Doe Ridge	985.00
--Laytown	5876.55
--Mt. Ephraim	3070.28
--Rock Spring	3543.42
--Sandy Flat	1841.85
Other:	
--N.C. State Convention	<u>168.45</u>

Total Contributions: \$16615.55	<u>+16615.55</u>
	\$23970.44

Expenditures:

--Linda Mills (Clerk Honorarium)	\$ 250.00	
--Edith Gryder (Treas. Honorarium)	250.00	
--Precision Printing (Minutes)	218.78	
--WMU	201.56	
--Roy Gryder (D.O.M. expense)	618.33	
--VES materials	197.60	
--Flowers (Mr. Burgett funeral)	55.00	
--Shipping charge for coats	26.00	
--Mexico Mission	<u>14000.00</u>	
Total expenditures:	15817.27	<u>-15817.27</u>

Total in Treasure 8/1/98: \$ 8153.17

An additional \$1615.90 was given to reimburse Laytown Baptist Church for some of their Mexico Mission Expense.

Respectfully submitted,
Edith Gryder



North American Mission Board

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Interesting Facts about NAMB

History

Created as an SBC agency in 1997 by combining three former agencies (Brotherhood Commission, Radio and Television Commission, and Home Mission Board).

Mission

Assist SBC churches in reaching the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Guam, and American Samoa for Christ, primarily through evangelism and starting churches. See [Ministry Assignments](#) for more details.

Missionary Force

Partners with 40 Baptist state conventions/fellowships to support almost 5,000 missionaries in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Guam, and American Samoa.

Budget

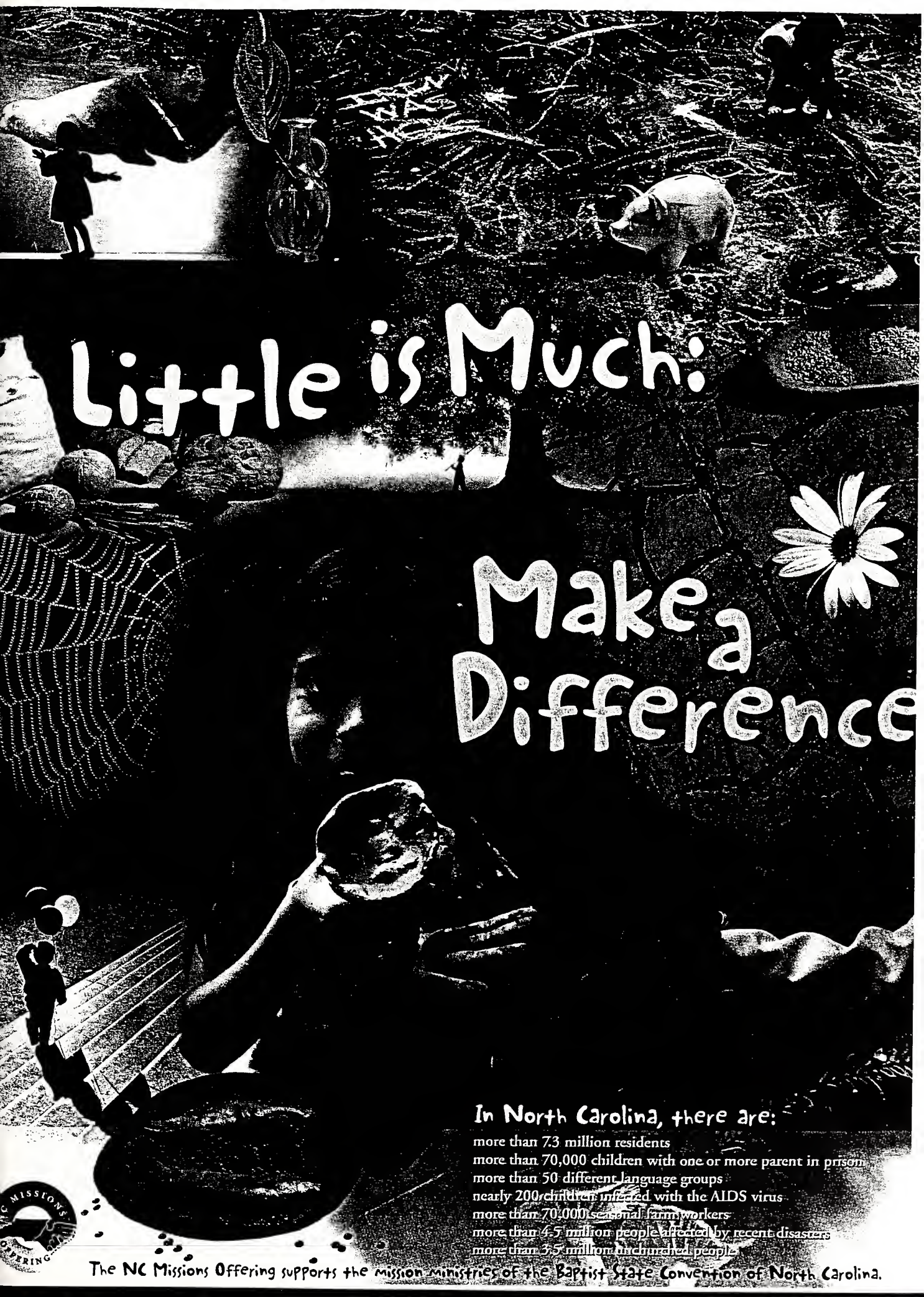
Annual budget of more than \$90 million from SBC Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

Communication Technologies

From studios in Fort Worth, NAMB produces five weekly radio programs aired on 2,600 radio stations, and daily and weekly TV programs carried on two networks -ACTS and FamilyNet - reaching a potential global audience of more than 700 million people.

Other resources and ministries

- 2,500 SBC-endorsed chaplains.
- 82,000 volunteers, including 2,200 two-year Mission Service Corps volunteers.
- Provides resources for missions education.
- Coordinates multistate disaster relief response.



Little is Much:

Make a Difference

In North Carolina, there are:

- more than 7.3 million residents
- more than 70,000 children with one or more parent in prison
- more than 50 different language groups
- nearly 200 children infected with the AIDS virus
- more than 70,000 seasonal farm workers
- more than 4.5 million people affected by recent disasters
- more than 3.5 million unchurched people

The NC Missions Offering supports the mission ministries of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.



the problems in today's world can be overwhelming. It's easy to believe that the problems are just too great and one individual is too small to make a difference.

Yet throughout Jesus' ministry He taught His disciples how something apparently small can make a big difference.

- A mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds, grows into a large tree. Birds make a home in the tree's branches. (Matthew 13:32)

- A small bit of yeast is essential to making a loaf of bread. (Matthew 13:33)

- A boy's lunch of five loaves of bread and two fish fed a crowd of five thousand people. (John 6:9-13)

When you give to the North Carolina Missions Offering, your gift is combined with those of others across the state. Together with God's blessing, these gifts can accomplish something great for His Kingdom. Whether you are old or young, an adult or a child, you can make a difference.

You can learn more about how your gifts will make a difference for Jesus Christ by reading the following articles. To make a contribution to the North Carolina Missions Offering, contact your church or the Baptist State Convention at 1-800-395-5102.

Scriptures Show Little Things Can Make A Big Difference

Little Is Much: Make A Difference" is this year's theme for the North Carolina Missions Offering. In the following scripture passages, God uses something small to make a big difference for His Kingdom. While reading these passages, remember that today He is still able to use our gifts for His great purposes.

- At that time, the disciples came to Jesus, asking, "Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven?" So Jesus called a child, had him stand in front of them, and said, "I assure you that unless you change and become like children you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven. The greatest in the Kingdom is the one who humbles himself and becomes like this child." (Matthew 18:1-4)

- Jesus told them another parable: "The Kingdom of heaven is like this.

A man takes a mustard seed and sows it in his

field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it grows up, it is the biggest of all plants. It becomes a tree, so that birds come and make their nests in its branches." (Matthew 13:31-32)



- Jesus told them still another parable: "The Kingdom of heaven is like this. A woman takes some yeast and mixes it with a bushel of flour until the whole batch of dough rises." (Matthew 13:33)

- The widow . . . went to Elisha and said, "Sir, my husband has died! . . . A man he owed money to has come to take away my two sons as slaves in payment for my husband's debt."

He asked, ". . . What do you have at home?"

"Nothing at all, except a small jar of olive oil," she answered.

"Go to your neighbors and borrow as many empty jars as you can," Elisha told her. ". . . Start pouring oil into the jars. Set each one aside as soon as it is full." So the woman . . . took the small jar of olive oil and poured oil into the jars . . . When they had filled all the jars, . . . the olive oil stopped flowing. She went back to Elisha, the prophet, who said to her, "Sell the olive oil and pay all your debts, and there will be enough money left for you and your sons to live on." (2 Kings 4:1-7)

- Elijah . . . saw a widow . . . "Please bring me a drink of water," he said to her . . . "And please bring me some bread, too."

She answered, ". . . All I have is a handful of flour in a bowl and a bit of olive oil in a jar."

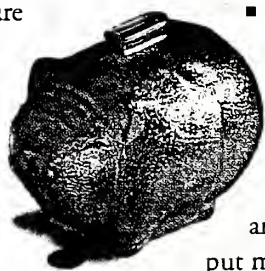
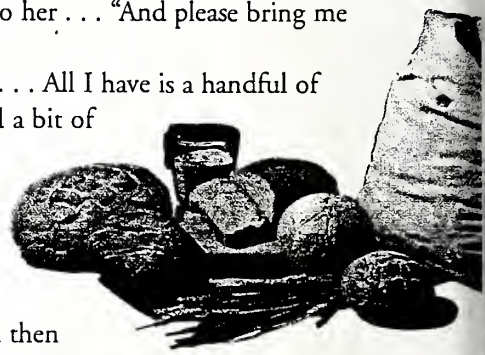
. . . Elijah said to her, ". . . Make a small loaf from what you have and bring it to me, and then prepare the rest for you and your son. For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: The bowl will not run out of flour or the jar run out of oil before the day that I, the Lord, send rain."

The widow went and did as Elijah had told her, and all of them had enough food for many days. (1 Kings 17:10-15)

- As Jesus sat near the temple treasury, he watched the people as they dropped in their money. Many rich men dropped in a lot of money; then a poor widow came along and dropped in two little copper coins worth about a penny. He called his disciples together and said to them, "I tell you that this poor widow put more in the offering box than all the others. For the others put in what they had to spare of their riches; but she, poor as she is, put in all she had — she gave all she had to live on." (Mark 12:41-44)

- Andrew . . . said, "There is a boy here who has five loaves of barley bread and two fish."

Jesus took the bread, gave thanks to God, and distributed it to the people who were sitting there. He did the same with



the fish, and they all had as much as they wanted." (John 6:8-14)

■ Give to others, and God will give to you. Indeed, you will receive a full measure, a generous helping, poured into your hands — all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you. (Luke 6:38)

Childhood Experiences Influence Career Missionary

While growing up in Raleigh, Kaye Morrison began learning about missions at an early age.

"My mother has said that every time a missionary spoke at church I had to be there," she recalls.

A member of New Hope church, she also participated in a week-long GA camp at Umstead Park. "It was a wonderful week," she remembers. "The leaders really cared for us."

Kaye now serves as a missionary to Africa's Ivory Coast. She and her husband are church planters. "I believe these early experiences were preparing me for my call into full-time Christian service," she said.

Her children have carried on the family's tradition of missions involvement. As a college student at Campbell, Angela, now 24, worked at Mundo Vista for several summers. Jeff, a freshman at Campbell, will be a counselor at Camp Caraway this year.

Through your gift to the North Carolina Missions Offering, you can make a difference by providing opportunities for children to learn about missions.



Kaye Morrison, missionary to Africa's Ivory Coast, has collected many artifacts in her 14 years there.

Angel Flights Transport Infant Needing Medical Care

Anthony suffers from a disease that causes tumors to grow on his right eye. At the age of 11 months, he has already made nine trips from his home in Florida to see medical specialists in Philadelphia who can treat him.



Gary Wilber is a volunteer and regional coordinator for the NC Baptist Men's Aviation Ministry.

Many of these trips would not have been possible without the help of the North Carolina Baptist Men's Aviation Ministry. Anthony's family cannot afford the cost of his medical care and the frequent commercial flights to Philadelphia.

More than 100 volunteers across the state provide "Angel Flights" to people in need. These volunteers use their interest and skills in flying to help people in Jesus' name.

"I have always been interested in flying, even from the time I was just a boy," said Bob Foy, state coordinator of the aviation ministry who has been a private pilot for about 18 years. "What better way to use that interest than to tell others about the love of Jesus?"

"You guys are a gift from God," said Mrs. Anderson, Anthony's mother, referring to Foy and his volunteer co-pilot Gene Branson. "If it weren't for you, we would not be able to receive the medical help Anthony so desperately needs."

"I love to fly but without a good reason to, I just couldn't afford it," said Foy. "I now have a good reason to fly!"

The North Carolina Missions Offering supports the ministries of North Carolina Baptist Men, including the Aviation Ministry.

North Carolina: A Field for Language Missions

John Jones spent the first 15 years of his life in Ecuador, the son of missionaries in that country. He grew up speaking Spanish as well as English. When he returned to North Carolina, he worked in the Yadkin Association as a summer missionary to migrant workers.

This experience was the beginning of a career in language

John Jones reviews language materials, such as this Hispanic periodical, in his role as director of language ministries for North Carolina Baptists.



ministries, right in North Carolina.

"I always thought I would return to the mission field in Ecuador," Jones said. But as he worked with Hispanic people in our state, Jones saw the needs that existed here at home.

"At that time, non-English language ministries were just getting started. I saw the opportunity and felt God was leading me to stay here in North Carolina."

As a language pastor with the Home Mission Board (now the North American Mission Board) for many years, Jones started Hispanic churches across the state. Today, as the director of language ministries for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, he oversees more than 100 non-English language churches. "The number of North Carolina residents whose primary language is not English is growing," said Jones. "We still have a vast mission field right here in our own state."

Associational summer missionaries and other language missions programs are supported by gifts to the North Carolina Missions Offering.

Your Dollars Make A Difference

Do you think you are too small or that you could never give enough to make a difference? Here are a few ways your gift to the North Carolina Missions Offering can make a difference:

- \$3.50 provides a hot meal to a disaster victim.
- \$5 supplies a language Bible for a non-English speaking

North Carolina resident.

- \$10 helps furnish crafts and Bible session materials for the annual Happiness Retreats for persons with mental handicaps.
- \$15 pays program fees for a training event for associational WMU leadership.
- \$20 provides the *Biblical Recorder* on cassette tape for blind/visually impaired readers for one year.
- \$30 supports a seminary extension scholarship for a prison inmate.
- \$35 provides a gift to a missionary child in college at Christmas time.
- \$50 supplies two soccer balls for an overseas sports mission team.
- \$50 pays for special training for a language group starting missions organizations in its church.
- \$100 provides a Christian camping experience for a child from less fortunate circumstances.
- \$150 pays for a workshop leader to train tutors in one of three literacy mission areas.
- \$300 supplies a supplement to an associational Mother/Daughter retreat.
- \$500 provides one month's support for a full-time language pastor.
- \$600 furnishes a hymn player for a language congregation.

Ways You Can Help

Here are five ways you can support the North Carolina Missions Offering:

1. Pray for the work of the ministries made possible by the North Carolina Missions Offering.
2. Pray for the North Carolina Missions Offering emphasis in your church.
3. Invite a speaker to give a testimony at your church. Call your association or the state convention office for the names of those who have witnessed North Carolina missions making a difference in their own life or the lives of others.
4. Give your time to support a project or program which is supported by the North Carolina Missions Offering.
5. Make a financial donation to the offering.

North Carolina Missions Offering Help and Hope

Little is Much: Make a Difference

Week of Prayer for North Carolina Missions

1998 Goal: \$2.2 million • Suggested Dates: Sept. 13-20



The NC Missions Offering supports the mission ministries of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The North Carolina Missions Offering in the Stony Fork Association

Most of the North Carolina Missions Offering supports projects in the 80 associations (covering all 100 counties) across North Carolina. Many North Carolina Missions Offering projects are actually association/state missions programs receiving money and leadership support from both the Baptist State Convention and local associations.

For example, the Stony Fork Association received approximately 10 percent of the 1997 special offering collected in the association. Last year (1997), \$168.45 of the \$1,796.02 collected from 3 of the association's 7 churches and missions (listed below) was sent back to the association.

In 1997, the North Carolina Missions Offering also supported NC Woman's Missionary Union, NC Baptist Men (Brotherhood), and many of the Missions Division's vital ministries. The number of individuals in the Stony Fork Association who participated in these groups in 1997 includes:

3 Girls to GA & Acteens Camp at Mundo Vista
1 Person to NC WMU Resource Team

Churches giving to the 1997 special offering:

STONY FORK

Laytown
Mount Ephriam
Sandy Flat

Note: Information supplied by participating areas of work.

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

Each year Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina serve more than 1,500 children and their families by helping them to identify and overcome the problems that threaten to tear them apart.

Baptist Children's Homes provide food, clothing, shelter, education and spiritual guidance to the children residing there..

The Children's Homes receive about one fourth of their income from North Carolina Baptist Churches. For Further support, they depend on the gifts of individuals, foundations, corporations and payment for some services. Gifts through estate planning provide significant help.

These homes do a work worthy of our support. We should all want to be a part of this work.

Baptist Children's Homes of NC 1998 Book of Reports

Sybil Stewart, *Trustee Chair*
Michael C. Blackwell, *President*

Her voice steady and quiet, Christy delivers her personal story like a letter dropped into an anonymous mailbox at a shuttered house on a nameless street.

Her grandparents' murder had unleashed memories of her own abuse. Family members encouraged her to leave her home and repeatedly told her she was worthless.

"I've had a rough life," she says. "I've been through about anything I can possibly go through."

Christy admits carrying a short fuse and outbursts, physical abuse and a dangerous living situation brought her to Mills Home in November 1997.

She continues her quiet story about coming to Mills Home, about doing well in school, and tutoring two residents in Alumni Cottage. She's glad she can help, because "learning comes easy to me, and I want to help someone if I can."

Julie, her first child care worker at Mills Home, became a real friend who "helped me turn my life around," Christy says, her face at last beginning to brighten. "She was there for me when I needed somebody. My parents weren't there. Nobody wanted me. It was fun being around Julie. She showed me she cared about me and that I could be loved."

She Didn't Plan to See 16

Julie couldn't realize how important her friendship was, or how close Christy came to giving up. Christy admits to two suicide attempts, and believed she would never see age 16.

"I used to dread getting up," she said. "I didn't know if I would get my mouth busted or my arm broke."

Even now, there are days Christy doesn't want to get out of bed. But she does, and she goes to school and earns mostly "A"s and stars on the varsity basketball team, and tutors other residents in math, and went to New York for a summer basketball tournament and is planning to attend college to study a helping profession.

Now she is planning to live, not planning to die. BCH is giving her opportunities to live for.

Christy's story is repeated hundreds of times each year at BCH. Not all are as dramatic but every one tells of a young person and a family at the end of an unraveling rope.

At four residential campuses, two homes for behaviorally troubled girls, a maternity home, a home for teenage mothers and their babies, therapeutic camping and model day care, 1,560 young people found help in troubled times last year.

During the past year BCH received \$1.6 million through the Cooperative Program, and \$752,000 through the Thanksgiving Offering. Total church gifts of \$3.3 million comprised 18 percent of the nearly \$18 million in revenue. Because of a positive investment environment, BCH investments of endowment funds provided 33 percent of revenue.

Buildings Dedicated

Two major priorities of the \$10.1 million "Light Their Way" Campaign were dedicated: The Winifred Lindsay Education/ Administrative Center at Odum Home in Pembroke on Jan. 20, and the John D. and Amelia W. Johnson Cottage at Mills Home on May 12.

U.S. Congressman Mike McIntyre, co-chair of the Congressional Task Force for Responsible Fatherhood, spoke at the dedication of the Lindsay Center. He said BCH has the "purpose, people and passion" to successfully help children and families turn their lives around."

"When we reach out to our children we're making the best investment for tomorrow we could ever make for our country," he said.

Winifred Lee Herbert Lindsay, for whom the Lindsay Center is named, died Nov. 21, 1997.

Primary funds for building Johnson Cottage were given by Phil and Sharon Drake, of Franklin, in memory of Sharon's father and in honor of her mother, a BCH trustee.

"God has given me more than I deserve," Drake said in a brief, emotional address at the dedication. He said giving money to build the cottage was the "easy part" compared to the cottage worker's task of making a difference in children's lives.

Michael C. Blackwell celebrated his 15th anniversary as president of BCH on July 1, 1998.

The video, "A Long Walk Home" is available to promote the 1998 Thanksgiving Offering, which has a statewide goal of \$800,000, the largest ever.

Wherever children are hurting and families are strained, BCH strives to heal. To secure a video, or a speaker for your church or civic group, or to access services, call (800) 476-3669.



FACILITIES

To access any BCH service, call the service dired headrest you.

1. Baptist Children's Homes Main Office

- Fax (910) 474-1200
- Web Site <http://www.bchfamily.org> (910) 472-5758
- 1. Thomasville Family Services Area** (910) 474-1200

Mills Home residential campus

Residential and Emergency Care for Girls and Boys

- 2. Day Care Services, Thomasville**
- Robert M. Idol Child Development Center (910) 474-1220
- Fleshman-Pratt Early Childhood Education Center (910) 474-1201
- Gregg (After School) Center (910) 474-1280
- Half-Day Program (910) 474-1272

3. Kinston Family Services Area

Kennedy Home residential campus

Residential and Emergency Care for Girls and Boys

5. Cameron Boys Camp

4. McNeill Recreational Cottage, Indian Beach

6. Pembroke Family Services Area

Therapeutic wilderness camping, alternative education

6. Odum Home residential campus

Residential Behavioral/Value Change Program

7. Lenoir Family Services Area

Emergency Care for Girls

7. Marguerite Noel Home

Behavioral/Value Change for Teenage Girls

8. Care House

For teenage mothers and their babies

9. Western Family Services Area

9. Broyhill Home residential campus, Waynesville/Clyde

Residential Care

Emergency Care for Girls

10. Baptist Maternity Home, Asheville

11. Craig Recreational Cottage, Ridgecrest

12. Moody Home, Franklin

Residential Behavioral/Value Change Program for Girls





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merica's children live at risk.

Drugs, alcohol, domestic violence, greed, anger and divorce disrupt lives and create victims. Children suffer at the hands of adults who should work for their good. Families fragment. Those least powerful suffer most and children are abused, neglected, rejected. They've no place to turn, no rock for shelter. Families seek hope.

Where is there hope?

Each night 370-

400 children lay down to sleep in one of the residential facilities of Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. They sleep safely, secure in the knowledge that dedicated adults care for them. They will

awaken in the morning to a solid breakfast and an orderly school or work schedule. Consistent structure and expectations will help guide them through their day.

While the child is receiving help in care, BCH social workers are helping family members identify and resolve the issues that currently separate the family.

At Baptist Children's Homes,

children will receive help in school, and educational enhance-

ments in their cottages.

When it is cold, they will have warm clothes.



When they are hungry, bounty will fill their tables. They will be encouraged, motivated, prodded, disciplined, freed to develop into the young men and women they were created to become.

They will be loved.

Every year, more than 1,500 young people and their families learn personally the

NORTH CAROLINA'S LARGEST FAMILY

Homes of North Carolina. Families are referred to BCH by departments of social services, pastors, teachers, guardians *ad litem*, district courts and their juvenile counseling service officers, other family members, and occasionally, themselves.

The services BCH offers children and families are briefly described within. *To access any service, call the nearest family services area office.*

ADMISSIONS

Referrals are accepted from anyone. Applications are provided to and received from only the legal custodian who is a legal resident of North Carolina. Intake occurs at the *nearest family services area office*, except for Cameron Boys Camp, which is done through the Cameron Boys Camp office.

1. During initial inquiry interview, the BCH intake social worker helps the inquirer determine if there is an appropriate BCH service to meet the family's needs, provides an application and direction for the next steps. **2.** When the completed "Application for Service" is returned by the legal custodian, the intake social worker will assess the family's needs and determine the appropriate service. This phase ends with a family/team conference with the intake social worker and the proposed service team. Recommendations will be presented by the intake social worker to the area's planning committee. **3.** A decision to accept the family for a service will be made by the planning committee during its first meeting following completion of the intake study. A projected admission date will be established and conveyed to the custodian. **4.** Following the decision to admit, all parties focus on preparing the young person and family for separation and admission, and with preparing the peer group for a new member. The initial plan of service will be established, which contains clearly stated purpose and goals of the placement. **5.** Admission day is a positive experience for the young person and family as they begin a new journey toward sorting their relationship issues.

Financial Agreement: The family and social worker will determine a financial payment plan based on a sliding fee scale. DSS custodians will pay based on the established purchase of service charge.

Today there are over thirty million people aged sixty-five and above in the United States, representing almost twelve percent of our population. Every fifteen seconds another person reaches age sixty-five. Researchers predict that by 2020, one out of every five Americans will be active retirees.

This is good news and bad news in relation to our aging population.

The good news is that more and more of our people are experiencing added years of productive and pleasurable living. The bad news is that an ever increasing number of older people are faced with extended months and even years of debilitating ill health. Even as the old are becoming older, the aging sick tend to be sicker.

An added concern is the ever-increasing number of Older Adults, including many of our retired ministers, who are struggling under financial hardships. Many thought they had planned well for the retirement years, but the financial requirements of the 1990s were almost unimaginable in the 1950s. Furthermore, the expectation was that there would be some ten years of life in retirement rather than the twenty-plus years that are coming to be the norm.

Through the ministers of the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem, The Hamilton Baptist Home in Hamilton, The Taylor House in Albemarle, and the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville, Baptist Retirement Homes continues to operate at the forefront in meeting the needs of Older Adults.

This year, we look forward to the start of construction on a major new facility . . . The Taylor Glen Retirement Community in Concord, serving the Cabarrus/Mecklenburg/Stanly County areas. Included in the plans are 174 independent living apartment homes, 24 assisted living apartments, 24 nursing care beds and a 12 bed memory impaired unit.

Baptist Retirement Homes continues to be grateful for the exceptional quantity of benevolent care it is able to provide. There are no entrance fees associated with any of the health-related facilities operated by Baptist Retirement Homes. The Hamilton Baptist Home and The Taylor House are among the few not-for-profit church-related long-term care facilities in North Carolina with no financial requirements for admission.

Baptist churches and Baptist people make all of this possible through contributions received through the Baptist State Convention (Cooperative Program) and the North Carolina Offering for Older Adults. In 1998, North Carolina Baptists made it possible for the "Homes" to provide \$1.7 million in benevolent care. Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for helping us make life for aging saints . . . THE BEST OF TIMES!

DONALD A. DONADIO, chair, Board of Trustees
WILLIAM B. STILLERMAN, president

Respectfully Submitted
Mamie Craig La
Baptist Retirement Homes

*Meeting the
Challenges of
Health Care*

Report to the Associations



HOSPITAL CELEBRATES 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

In May 1998 the North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated celebrated 75 years of service to the community and the region. During these years the hospital has been faithful to the vision of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention when the hospital was birthed: to extend the healing ministry which was demonstrated by Jesus Christ. Many challenges have been faced through these years, but the commitment to compassionately strive for innovative excellence has remained the same.

Baptist Benevolent Care Fund

Baptist Churches from all across North Carolina joined us in mutual mission through the Mother's Day Offering. This annual ingathering of love was approved by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in 1924. In 1997 the MDO amounted to \$500,747. It was used exclusively to help patients who had little or no health care insurance or no other financial means to pay their hospital bills. From the offering this past year, well over \$200,000 was used to assist members of our Baptist Churches in North Carolina. May God bless all those who supported us with prayers and gave so generously.

Division of Pastoral Care

During the year the chaplains and staff of the Pastoral Care Department provide worship services in Davis Memorial Chapel on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday for patients and family members. The Pastoral Care Department staff supervised 64 students during the year and made more than 53,000 ministry contacts.

The Department of Pastoral Counseling, CareNet, Inc. continues to expand its ministries. There are now 13 Christian counseling centers located in strategic areas across the state. During the year these professionally staffed centers will provide over 26,000 hours of counseling.

The Center for Congregational Health, Inc. continues to expand its mission of helping congregations become healthier communities of faith. **Programs and assistance** offered to churches include: Consultation, Intentional Interim Ministry, and Leadership development. **Resources for ministers** include: Young Leaders Program, Turning Point, Interim Ministry Training, Intentional Interim Ministry training.

Facts about Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center

- With more than 10,000 employees, four restaurants, two banks and a post office that handles more mail than some towns, the Medical Center has been called a city-within-a-city.
- The Medical Center successfully proposed to Forsyth County Commissioners to purchase the county's indigent health care clinic, Reynolds Health Center. The Center also serves as a primary care training facility for our medical students and residents. Construction is expected to begin in the spring on a \$5 million, state-of-the-art facility.
- Building strong relationships with community hospitals and other academic medical centers was a hallmark of the past year. Hospital and clinical affiliations grew to 22 by December '97.

Points of Emphasis and Progress

ALS CENTER - Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center has opened a specialized center to provide coordinated care for patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), often referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease. The Medical Center's ALS program is the only center in western North Carolina devoted to ALS patients.

TRAUMA CENTER - The Medical Center has the designated Level I trauma center for northwest North Carolina. In the trauma center our goal is for the patient who needs surgery to be in an operating room 10 minutes after arriving at the Emergency Department. Surgeons, anesthesiologists and staff remain on duty 24 hours a day to handle such emergencies.

TOPS IN RESEARCH - According to a report in the February 1997 issue of *Applied Clinical Trials*, Wake Forest University School of Medicine ranked in the top 10 U.S. clinical research institutions.

RANKED AMONG THE NATION'S BEST - The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated is among the nation's best hospitals in nine of 17 specialties, according to rankings published in the July 1998 issue of *U.S. News & World Report*.

NEW HEART VALVE - Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center is one of the first centers in the country to offer a new "natural" valve replacement to patients with diseased or damaged aortic heart valves. The Freestyle valve was tested extensively in six centers — including Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center - before being released for general use.

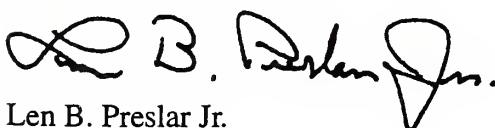
NEWEST TREATMENT FOR EPILEPSY - Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center offers a new treatment for epilepsy — a "pacemaker for the brain" that can help control seizures in patients who are not helped by medication and are ineligible for surgery.

INFORMATION AND APPOINTMENTS - For more information, contact one of our operators at (336) 716-2011. To make an appointment with a physician, contact HEALTH-ON-CALL® at 1 (800) 446-2255.

A CLOSING WORD

Seventy-five years ago the North Carolina Baptist State Convention gave us a directive to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. For three-quarters of a century, we have sought to carry out this ministry of healing with compassion and integrity. Those who come here for care expect outcomes unachievable elsewhere. We must constantly rise to meet and exceed this expectation. Every patient and family member has a right to expect from us excellence in health care, delivered with compassion.

Respectfully submitted,



Len B. Preslar Jr.

President

The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated

Council on Christian Higher Education

Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

1998

Chowan College

1848

Campbell University

1887

Gardner-Webb University

1905

Mars Hill College

1856

Meredith College

1891

Wake Forest University

1834

Wingate University

1896

The Council on Christian Higher Education was founded by the Convention in 1944. It was established to assist colleges and churches within the Convention. The Council does not exercise any authority over the Baptist colleges. The competent leadership of trustees, administrators, and faculty guide them as they fulfill their missions. It does, however, study and recommend to the General Board in matters related to Baptist colleges and the Baptist State Convention.

Four men have led the Council as its Executive Director. Claude Gaddy served as the Council's founding leader. Harold Cole served briefly. Ben Fisher succeeded him. T. Robert Mullinax joined the Council in 1971. Mullinax retired this year from the post he has faithfully guided for 27 years.

The Council and Executive Committee of the General Board invited Wayne D. Wike to become the Council's fifth leader. Wike comes to his post from the pastorate. He has served four North Carolina churches as pastor.

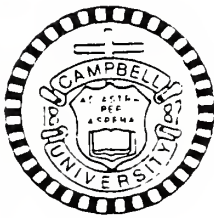
He and his wife, Debbie, are alumni of Gardner-Webb University. In addition, he is a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Union Theological Seminary.

Wike has already served North Carolina Baptists in a number of ways. He served on the Committee on Committees, Chaired the Committee on Nominations, and Chaired the General Board Membership Study Committee.

Council members have greatly assisted each one of these leaders through the years. The college presidents, provosts, and chairmen of Boards of Trustees, along with an equal number of General Board members, serve as members of the Council.

The strength of the Council lies in its voluntary concept of community rather than competition. The Council has proven to be a mediating influence in relating the colleges to each other, to the church, and to the Convention.

The Council is currently involved in strategy planning. It is seeking to prepare for the new millennium. The future holds great promise. The Council and its member colleges want to be prepared for it. The Baptist churches in North Carolina will benefit as a result.



Campbell University

Norman A. Wiggins, President

- Opened January 5, 1887 as Buies Creek Academy
 - Became Campbell University on June 6, 1979. School of Pharmacy and School of Education founded in 1985. School of Divinity founded in 1995.
- Campus Representative: Jerry Wood (910-893-1219)



Chowan College

Stanley G. Lott, President

- Founded and opened for students as Chowan Female Institute, October 11, 1848.
 - Became Chowan College on May 17, 1910.
- Campus Representative: Hargus Taylor (252-398-6321)



Gardner-Webb University

M. Christopher White, President

- First chartered as Boiling Springs High School, December 2, 1905.
 - Became Gardner-Webb University on January 1, 1993, and opened the School of Divinity, Fall 1993.
- Campus Representative: Bruce Rabon (704-434-4256)



Mars Hill College

A. Max Lennon, President

- First commencement as French Broad Baptist Institute, July 4, 1856.
 - Chartered as Mars Hill College, February 16, 1859.
 - Began a senior college program in 1962.
- Campus Representative: Paula Clayton Dempsey (704-689-1128)



Meredith College

John E. Weems, President

- Incorporated as Baptist Female University of NC, February 27, 1891
 - Became Meredith College by legislative enactment, January 24, 1911.
- Campus Representative: Sam Carothers (919-760-8346)



Wake Forest University

Thomas K. Hearn, President

- Opened as Wake Forest Institute, February 3, 1834.
 - Became Wake Forest University, June 12, 1967.
- Campus Representative: Lynn Parker (336-758-5225)



Wingate University

Jerry E. McGee, President

- Authorized as Wingate School of Union Baptist Association, 1895. Opened 1896; chartered 1897.
 - Became Wingate University in 1995.
- Campus Representative: Bill Nash (704-233-8241)

THE BIBLICAL RECORDER

Associational Report--1998

"A democracy can only survive and flourish as a nation of readers," says Daniel J. Boorstin, a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and former Librarian of Congress.

He is correct! Thomas Jefferson said the purest form of democracy he had ever seen was Baptist churches. We Baptists cherish our soul-liberty, and its corporate corollary--the autonomy of the local church.

But Baptists will never preserve their democratic form of decision-making if they are not properly informed. A democracy demands an informed constituency, whether they like the news or not!

The Biblical Recorder tries to tell the whole story with a focus on the many positive things people are doing in their churches and world missions, along with the crucial issues which cannot be concealed and ignored if we honor our heritage from yesterday and fulfill our mission for tomorrow.

There is no way to address these issues without correct and reliable information. The Biblical Recorder was born and continues to serve for that purpose. In the 165 years of state Baptist papers in North Carolina, never was the Recorder more needed than now for people to have the truth.

Because people are reading less than any time in recent history at the very time there is an increased number of publications and periodicals, the Recorder has kept pace with the state-of-the-art in print media, and entered the world of electronic communications with an attractive and effective Web site. The Web site address is: <http://www.biblicalrecorder.org>.

The Recorder Web site was officially launched in September 1997. The number of persons using the Web site has grown substantially. Each month there are 15-18,000 hits from around the world, literally--from Asia, Africa, Europe, South America, the Pacific Rim, even Australia! In the United States, people from several states regularly use the Recorder as their source of dependable Baptist information.

The Biblical Recorder should be in every Baptist home in North Carolina. Your support as a subscriber and reader, coupled with your encouragement to others, will enable the paper to better serve the constituency with accurate and helpful information.

In order to save churches large amounts of money and to increase the readership of the Recorder, Church News Service (CNS) was launched in 1990. This system lets any congregation have their church news incorporated into the Biblical Recorder which saves staff time, postage and printing costs. Usually, for less than what it costs to produce the church newsletter, CNS gives the entire Baptist communication package to each family in the congregation.

The paper deliberately focuses more attention on North Carolina Baptists with news, features and inspirational articles which will encourage individuals and churches in their witness and ministry.

That is why the Recorder was born; that is why it serves today. For more information on how your church can subscribe or use CNS, contact:

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Leading Discipleship in a Church 1998-99

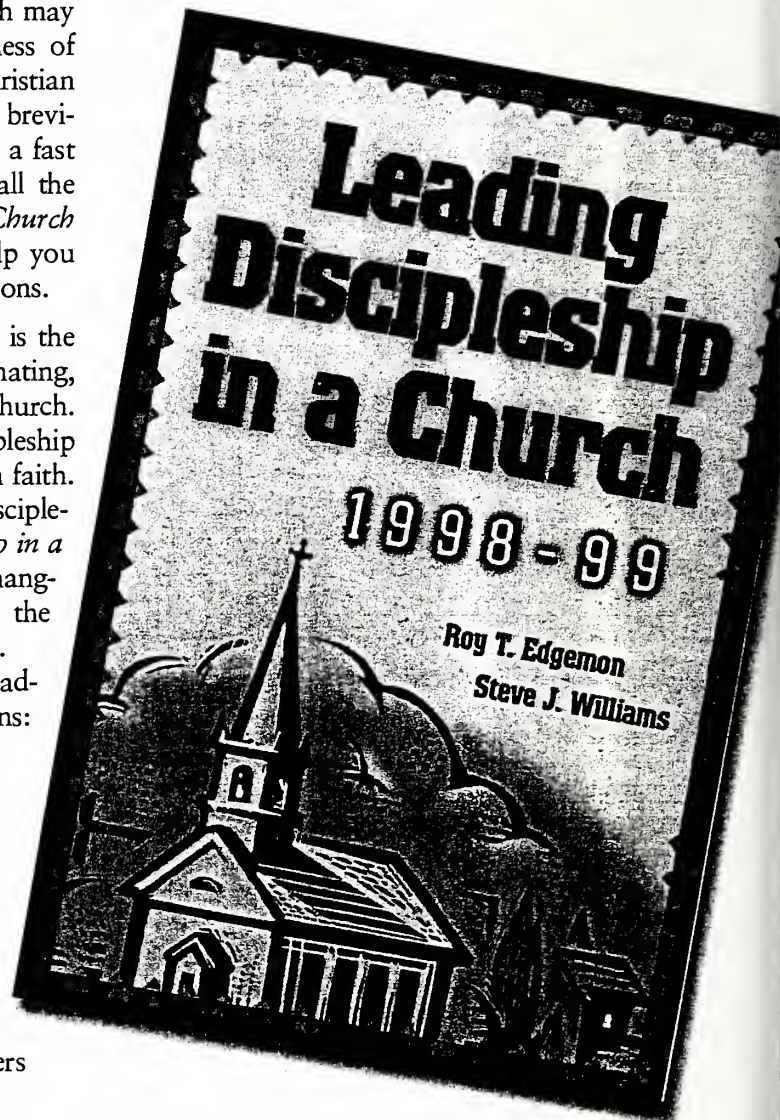
The way a church disciplines its members is changing at an extraordinary pace. In fact, there are those who claim that "change" is coming faster than ever before. This rapid pace of change means that churches are being forced to make critical decisions about discipleship experiences their church may need. People being transformed into the likeness of Christ and becoming involved in meaningful Christian ministry hinges on making these decisions with brevity. To deal with this enormous responsibility in a fast and ever-changing environment, leaders need all the help they can get. *Leading Discipleship in a Church 1998-99* is an innovative resource that can help you and the churches you serve make the right decisions.

Leading Discipleship in a Church 1998-99 is the perfect reference for anyone managing, coordinating, or leading discipleship experiences in their church. It describes how a church can develop discipleship experiences to help people grow in the Christian faith. Whether a church is experienced in leading discipleship or just getting started, *Leading Discipleship in a Church 1998-99* will help leaders plan a life-changing ministry of discipleship that will benefit the church as a whole as well as individual believers.

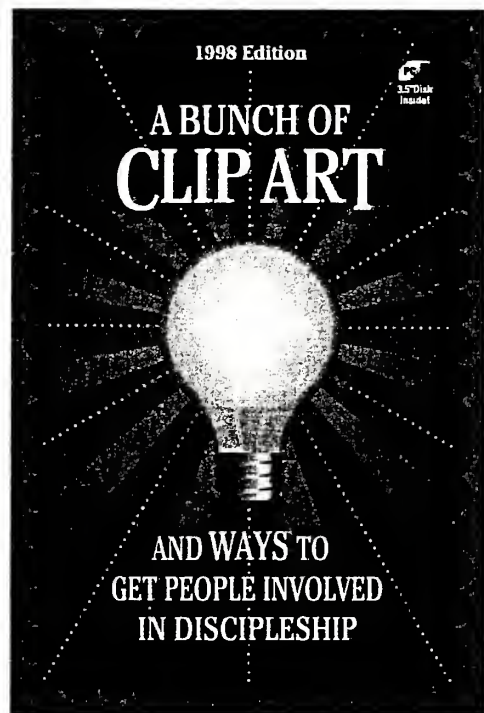
Leading Discipleship in a Church 1998-99 addresses discipleship through the following sections:

- What's Discipleship All About?
- Who Needs to Be Discipled?
- Who Does the Discipling?
- What Resources Can We Use to Disciple?
- Tips for Discipling Adults
- Tips for Discipling Youth
- Tips for Discipling Children
- Tips for Discipling Preschoolers
- Tips for Assimilating New Church Members
- Tips for Developing Church Leaders
- How Can Our Church Develop a Discipleship Ministry?
- How Can We Plan for Discipleship?
- How Can We Get People Involved?

Leading Discipleship in a Church 1998-99 (Item #0-7673-3822-7) is available now for \$1.00. ☐



A Bunch of Clip Art



If you're looking for great ideas to get people involved in discipleship, we've got a bunch. That is, we've got *A Bunch of Clip Art and Ways to Get People Involved in Discipleship 1998 Edition*.

Re-written and updated, this resource provides fresh ideas for encouraging discipleship training within your church and community. Art for text boxes, product cover images, and countless helpful suggestions for designing promotional flyers and bulletins are all packed into this unique book and diskette combination. In fact, we've filled it with more clip art than ever before—thanks in part to the latest space-saving file compression techniques—for only \$8.95.

From the hallway bulletin board to an Internet home page, *A Bunch of Clip Art and Ways to Get People Involved in Discipleship 1998 Edition*. (Item #0-7673-3823-5) is a must for every church that has a desire for discipleship. For ordering information, see page 12.

Growing Disciples Weekend Resources

Now the churches you serve can plan and conduct a weekend event that offers a meaningful and challenging discipleship experience for adults, youth, and elementary-age children. It will also encourage participants to enroll in a Growing Disciples follow-up study. *Growing Disciples Weekend Administrative Guide* (Item #0-7673-3859-6, \$4.95) can be used to schedule and plan any of the four Growing Disciples Weekend events: Experiencing God, MasterLife, Life in the Spirit, and The Kingdom Agenda.

The Growing Disciples Weekend works best when three elements are utilized: resource teachers representing all age groups, a visiting team of small-group leaders, and the involvement of a weekend coordinator. Visiting team members are secured through state convention offices. Every visiting team member must have previously completed the study that is to be introduced to the church.

All Growing Disciples Weekend participants should make arrangements to join the follow-up activity to be conducted after the weekend experience. Visiting team members and church leaders can use the *Growing Disciples Weekend Administrative Guide* for the specific follow-up event suggested.

The following weekend manuals are now available:

- *Experiencing God Weekend Manual* (Item #0-7673-3879-0, \$7.95)
- *MasterLife Weekend Manual* (Item #0-7673-3885-5, \$7.95)
- *Life in the Spirit Weekend Manual* (Item #0-7673-3886-3, \$7.95)
- *The Kingdom Agenda Weekend Manual* (Item #0-7673-3880-4, \$7.95)

WOMEN ON MISSION

Yes, we have a mission and that is to teach and do missions. We are to know what is happening with our missionaries and inform our pastors and churches. If there is a need in our churches or neighborhoods, we are to see that the need is taken care of.

I feel that the ladies of Stony Fork Association are doing a great job of doing this. This past year each church performed missions work by sending flowers, preparing food, giving love offerings, seeing that people who needed help had a way to their doctor's office, and so much more.

As an associational WMU, we had 10 ladies attend the state meeting at Ridgecrest in the spring. What a blessing that was! We gave a pastor, deacon and wives dinner that was a great success. We had a Christmas dinner that was a lot of fun. We helped gather and send coats to North Korea. Each WMU filled and sent shoe boxes to the Samaritan Purse in Boone to be distributed to needy children overseas.

We also sent musical instruments to Mt. View Baptist Church in Montana. We sent fabric to make choir robes for the choir. Please remember this little mission and we hope to help them more throughout the coming year.

We are working on a cookbook with recipes from all the churches in the Association and hope to have this ready to sell later in the year.

The N.C. State WMU is working with the women inmates to help train them for jobs when they are released and to try to win them to the Lord.

I want to thank our pastors and each of you for your prayers and support during this past year.

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**ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS
1998**

It is a joy for the Christian Action League of North Carolina to serve the churches of this great state. We continue to work to inform the Christian community about the moral issues that face our state and nation. Our goal is to address these issues with the principles of God's Word, the cornerstone of all truth.

Christian Values

It was the pleasure of the Christian Action League to be one of the sponsors of the Third Annual Christian Heritage Week of North Carolina held March 15-22. The League encouraged schools, churches and communities to recognize, commemorate and learn about the Christian heritage and history of our nation. CAL sponsored a state-wide essay contest for high school students (public, private and home schools) and presented state winners with awards for excellence.

Continued to promote Christian citizenship throughout the churches and communities of our state. CAL has distributed over 12,000 copies of the Ten Commandments to churches, businesses, schools and homes across North Carolina. Promoted Sanctity of Human Life Sunday and the National Day of Prayer statewide.

Held a Church Leadership Legislative Day on June 23. The purpose of this day was to have pastors and church leaders to come together and enjoy fellowship, meet and hear some of our legislators and become more aware of how state government and the legislative process works.

Gambling

Lottery proponents continue in their efforts to bring a state-sponsored lottery to North Carolina. CAL monitors these efforts and the Christian community on lottery information through letters, calls and our fax and electronic mail networks. Lawmakers have yet to receive a barrage of communications from across the state saying that the lottery is a bad bet for North Carolina.

CAL also monitored the work of the Legislative Study Committee on Bingo Regulations.

Sex Education

Worked with other Christian and pro-family groups to see that the state mandate for Abstinence Until Marriage education is implemented state-wide. Also, supported efforts to insure that federal grant money designated to promote abstinence education was used properly. Informed citizens and legislators concerning attempts to fund school-based clinics in North Carolina schools.

Abortion

CAL promoted HB 303 (Ban Partial Birth Abortion), HB 536 (Woman's Right to Know before Abortion) and HB 594 (Fetus Death Criminal Act). We also encouraged lawmakers to maintain funding reductions and restrictions on the state abortion fund. These actions resulted in only two qualifying abortions being paid with taxpayer funds in the last two years.

Alcohol

CAL monitored all legislation concerning alcohol and other drugs. Successfully supported efforts to strengthen DWI laws. Assisted communities in organizing committees to fight alcohol and drug use. Worked to defeat legislation that would have approved alcohol sales without the vote of the people. Provided awareness, education and resource materials related to substance abuse problems to churches, businesses, etc.

CAL will host a national conference in September of the American Council on Alcohol Problems.

Pornography

Promoted and saw ratified SB 452-Local Regulation of Adult Establishments. This legislation gives more authority to local communities to regulate and control adult entertainment establishments.

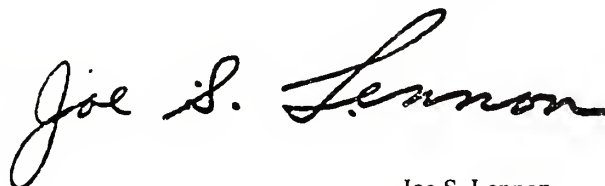
Homosexuality

CAL supports efforts to strengthen the traditional family and continues to monitor and inform the public about the activities of those who promote the radical homosexual agenda. Successfully lobbied against legislation that would have made homosexuality legal in North Carolina. Offered the video "On Wings Like Eagles", the testimony of deliverance from homosexuality by Michael Johnston of Kerrus Ministries.



Johnny R. Henderson
Executive Director

For A Better North Carolina,



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President

A REPORT TO THE 1998 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STONY FORK BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION CONCERNING AN EFFORT TO RE-ENLIST INACTIVE
CHURCHES INTO THE ASSOCIATION

Mount View Baptist Church

Pastor: Rev Mike Barfoot

Status: Became inactive

1/20/98 Contacted Rev. Barfoot about the possibility of becoming active in Associational work. He stated that he was not interested in doing so but would pray about the matter and call later.

New Hopewell Baptist Church

Pastor: Rev Douglas Bare, Elk Park NC Ph. 733 3219

Status: Became inactive

Contacted Rev. Bare on 2/23/98. He indicated that he would discuss rejoining the Association with his deacons and let me know what their reaction was.

Bill Vines, Deacon
Odell Coffey, Deacon
Danny Gragg, Deacon

Deacon Danny Gragg called on 2/26/98 to inform me that the pastor and deacons had discussed the possibility of rejoining the Association and concluded that they would not do so at this time.

New Hopewell holds three preaching services weekly. Sunday morning and evening and Wed. night.

A singing is held on first Saturday nights. There is no preaching service on Sunday evenings after singings.

Yellow Hill Baptist Church

Pastor: Rev. Charles Ratliff 336 696 4260

Status: Submitted a letter of withdrawal.

1/22/98 Phone conversation with Rev. Ratliff. Appointment to meet at Yellow Hill Church on 1/29/98 at 7:00 PM.

1/29/98 Met with Rev. Ratliff. We had a long and productive discussion of the possibility of the Church at Yellow Hill becoming a part of the Stoney Fork Association. He voiced concerns over churches that were part of other associations that held liberal views that he did not agree with. I explained that the autonomy of the local church is not altered by membership in an association. He indicated that he would discuss the matter with the deacons and contact me concerning the matter.

3/22/98 Met with the congregation at Yellow Hill. I gave them an overview of the goals and objectives of the Association and emphasized that membership did not in any way alter the autonomy of the local church. I opened the floor for questions and was pleased that there was what seemed to be a good deal of interest among the members of the congregation.

7/30/98 Spoke with Rev. Ratliff by phone. He indicated that he had presented the question of rejoining the Association to the church and that a majority of the people had not felt led to change

Respectfully Submitted
Roy Gryder D.O.M.



CHURCH GROWTH MULTIPLIER REPORT 1998

Thank God for the privilege of serving as your Church Growth Consultant Team in Western, North Carolina. We're a special worker team on behalf of the NC Baptist State Convention.

We have seen some wonderful things happen in churches where we have been. God is really blessing.

If we can be of help to any association or church in the areas of Sunday School, WMU, or Discipleship Training, please feel free to call on us.

We are committed to helping churches to grow numerically and spiritually. God wants us to grow.

**Respectfully submitted,
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RESOLUTIONS

Let it be resolved that the Stony Fork Association expresses its thanks and appreciation to Sandy Flat and Bailey's Camp Churches for their hospitality and good food.

We also want to thank God for our moderator, Director of Missions, and for all thos who gave such informative and interesting reports.

Betty Woods

OBITUARIES

Mt . Ephraim - Mrs. Madgaline Robbins and Mrs. Ella Miller
Laytown - Mrs. Pauline Mast

Stony Fork Baptist Association
Approved Budget
for
1998-1999

Director of Missions (expense):	\$ 900.00
Clerk honorarium:	250.00
Treasurer honorarium:	250.00
VBS:	250.00
Discipleship Training:	150.00
Sunday School:	100.00
Evangelism (inc. conference)	200.00
WMU:	450.00
Convention (2 persons):	200.00
Clerical:	50.00
Minutes:	250.00
Benevolent fund:	<u>1000.00</u>
Total:	\$4050.00

PROCEEDINGS



PROCEEDINGS
FOR
THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF
STONY FORK MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Roy Kanupp, at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, August 7, 1998 at Sandy Flat Baptist Church. The meeting was conducted in the following order with all reports being approved by the congregation present.

- 8:35 Song - "Prayer Bells of Heaven".
- 8:40 Devotion - Charles Craig from Psalms 23: 1-6. God knows everything that is needed in in our hearts today. He gives us guidance, and is always present. Prayer led by Max West.
- 9:00 Moved for the adoption of the program. This was seconded and approved with changes to be made when necessary.
- 9:05 Roll Call
Bailey's Camp 3, Doe Ridge 3, Laytown 2, Mt. Ephraim 2, Rock Spring 3, Sandy Flat 6, Visitors 3, total 22.
- 9:10 There were no new workers or ministers present to be recognized.
- 9:11 Vacation Bible School Report - Edith Gryder.
- 9:15 Foreign Missions - Eunice Luttrell. Speaker - Walter Ford. The international mission board is undergoing a lot of change now, trying to find a plan that will reach the unreachable by focusing on language groups. People's needs are changing and the way we did things 25 years ago no longer work.

The bombings in East Africa today at the American Embassy have put every American missionary there in danger due to the Muslim extremists, who know exactly where each American lives.

There is a great need for church planters at the International Mission Board. The N.C. brotherhood still has international work going in South Africa and the Ukraine. N.C. is also working on a project that will be starting in the year 2000 with Venezuela. Medical teams are going into Asia and China now.

- 9:25 Sunday School report will be given tomorrow.
- 9:25 Cooperative Program and Stewardship Reports - Linda Mills.
- 9:30 Evangelism Report - Tim Dockery. Speaker Roy Coulter. I serve on the General Board and bring regards from Milton Hollifield, director of Evangelism. For the 4th. consecutive year there has been an increase in baptisms: 27,511 in 1997 which was a 7% increase over 1996 which was a new record since 1975.

Celebrate Jesus 2000 is the largest evangelistic thrust undertaken. Manuals have been sent out to each church from the NAMB to help you guide your church. The SBC and NAMB will have positive Christian information that will be on T.V. which will begin in 1999, where the fields are truly white unto harvest. The Jesus video

continues to be a great evangelism tool.

Super Summer at Carrowinds this year is expected to attract more than 25,000 young people.

In closing, thank you for all your giving and praying but especially your giving to the Cooperative Program so that N.C. Baptist can say they are busy about their Father's business.

10:00 Finance Report - Budget. Copies of the proposed budget were given to each individual. Voting on the budget will take place tomorrow.

10:05 Break.

10:30 Home Missions - NAMB - Eunice Luttrell

10:35 N.C. State Missions - Eunice Luttrell. The NC Mission offering will be gathered next month. Encourage your church to take part in this.

10:40 Children's Homes - Max West. Speaker, Donna Lail, Children's Home in Lenoir. I have been with the Baptist Children's Homes for 28 years now. Children face harder situations today than ever before. Some have severe behavioral problems and school problems. The Caldwell Children's Home has a partnership with the Dept. of Social Services. The teenagers with babies here all go to school. Some have jobs. Noel Home is a place for teenage girls with severe behavior problems and school age girls having family problems. We work with the entire family to try to resolve those problems. Substance abuse is a big problem now.

We have a 15 year old male and a 17 year old female now living with their grandparents, who were left alone as infants in N.Y. City by parents on drugs. The male is very angry and questions why they didn't care about him. We are helping him deal with these questions and emotions.

All across the state, Children's Homes are short of staff. Pray that people will hear God's call to give in to the call and help these children.

Some needs are: Acteen classes, school supplies, paper products, toiletry items and especially diapers. My phone no. is 757-0700.

11:05 Retirement Homes Report - Mamie Craig. Speaker could not make it.

11:10 Baptist Hospital Report - No Speaker.

11:11 Christian Higher Education Report - No Speaker.

11:15 Special Music

11:35 Annual Message - Tim Dockery. We Have A Purpose, Philippians 1:12, 19-26. Paul was between a rock and a hard place. He wanted to go home to be with Jesus but he also knew his ministry was needed on earth.

Today, with the condition of the world, Heaven would be so much better. But, most definitely there is a need for us to be here, or we would already be at home with Jesus.

We are going to be delivered one day from the corruption of this body. We have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus. But while we are here we have a purpose:

1. For the furtherance of the Gospel. There are many lost souls in our own neighborhoods. This is our responsibility that we cannot pass on to someone else.
2. For the furtherance of joy and faith. Each of us today, if you are a child of God, has a purpose to edify the Lord. Each one of us has a role in the church, a specific responsibility to fill. Our lives should be glowing by the spirit of the Lord. We need to fight the good fight of faith. If we all work together, side by side, we can go faster and do better for the Lord.

For what do you live? What makes you happy? In Paul's case, he was alive for Jesus. Be dedicated to Jesus, not things of the world. Put Him first in all things. The things we do should bring glory to Him. What is your purpose in living?

12:30 Adjourn
Lunch

**PROCEEDINGS
FOR
SECOND DAY OF ANNUAL MEETING
AT
BAILEY'S CAMP
AUGUST 8, 1998**

- 8:30 Call to order - Arvil Hardy, Vice Moderator
- 8:35 Song - "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.
- 8:40 Prayer - Roy Gryder
- 8:46 Devotion - Max West. Deuteronomy 6:1-15. The Family. God was speaking to a nation of people but as individuals. Obey God that it may be well with thee. How are things going with you, in your home and in your nation? It just did not happen that we are a nation that is blessed. God put the first family together and we need to focus on that in society today.
- 9:10 Roll Call
Bailey's Camp 4, Doe Ridge 3, Laytown 2, Mt. Ephraim 3, Rock Spring 3, Sandy Flat 4. Total 19.
- 9:15 Sunday School Report - Ted Triplett. I support Sunday School and it has been a big part of my life. It think it is the backbone of our churches. I have given each church a study guide from the convention. Each pastor might challenge his people with things like perfect attendance. There is no better place for personal growth than Sunday School.

We are beginning a new fiscal year now and this would be a good time to challenge your Sunday School people to find a way to grow this year.

- 9:20 Biblical Recorder Report - No speaker. Report to the Association read.
9:25 Discipleship Training - Charles Craig. Information has been given to each pastor to order literature free. How long has Discipleship Training been around? I think it would go back to Adam and the beginning of time.

Discipleship Training is the most accurate name for this program that we have ever had. Jesus is our model as to what man ought to be and how we should disciple.

- 9:45 Women on Mission Report - Eunice Luttrell.

9:50 Christian Action League Report - No report given. Roy Gryder spoke to this report. We live in a time when I am constantly reminded that we need temperance and morals in this country. Our temperance and morals are not what they should be and what God would have them be. A long and discouraging list could be given of things that are not right. Let us search in our churches for someone to report on these concerns and problems, such as legalized gambling and the sale of alcoholic beverages, to make us aware of when we should act and/or pray.

- 9:55 General Board Report - Ron Burgett. This is my second year and it has been an experience for me. There are 120 members on the General Board who serve on different subcommittees. We meet between the conventions three times a year. I serve on the youth and campus subcommittee.

10:00 Break

10:25 Resolutions - Betty Woods.

10:30 Obituaries - Clerk.

10:35 Business Meeting, Election of Officers for coming year. Max West, Chairman of Nominating Committee: Moderator - Tim Dockery, Vice-Moderator - Ron Burgett, Clerk - Linda Mills, Treasurer - Edith Gryder, Sunday School Director - Ted Triplette, Discipleship Training - Charles Craig, Music Director - Pauline Eldreth, Stewardship-Cooperative Program - Linda Mills, Home, State, and Foreign Missions - Women on Mission Director, Eunice Luttrell, Retirement Homes - Mamie Craig, Children's Homes - Arvil Hardy, Resolutions - Betty Woods, Obituaries - Clerk, Vacation Bible School - Glen Luttrell, Baptist Hospital - Bonnie Walsh, Christian Higher Education - open, Temperance and Morals/Christian Action League - Dale Luttrell, Baptist Foundation - Pauline Eldreth, Evangelism - Tim Dockery, Biblical Recorder - Clerk will read the report as no speaker is available.

COMMITTEES:

Finance - Edith Gryder, Eunice Luttrell, Ron Burgett, Tim Dockery, Coleman Oliver.

Constitution and By-laws - Pastors of each church and Charles Craig.

Missions - Pastors of each church.

Nominating Committee - Pastors of each church, Max West, Chairman.

10:55 Director of Missions Report - Roy Gryder

11:15 Special Singing

11:30 Annual Message - Max West. Matthew 16:26. In thinking about this verse, focus

upon the soul. The important word in this verse is soul. What is a soul? The dictionary says it is "the spiritual part of a human being that is believed to survive death". It will live somewhere forevermore. When God breathed breath into man, he became a living soul. The soul is the ultimate important thing in all life. What does it profit us to gain the whole world and lose our soul?

In our society today, it is not the soul that is important. It is jobs, land, cars and money that is important to most people. The Bible says that where our heart is our soul is also. We put too much emphasis on these things instead of our soul. The most important thing we can teach our children is that their soul needs to be saved. We have so many more things materially today, but at what cost? Jesus died for the soul of man, not the material things or the body. Our greatest job today is to be good parents and grandparents because we are molding young minds.

12:00 Adjourn
Lunch



HISTORY AND HISTORICAL TABLE



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Year	Churches	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1862	Zions Gate Meeting House, Wilkes Co.	Larkin Hodges	Larkin Pipes	Larkin Hodges
1863	Yellow Hill	Larkin Hodges	Larkin Pipes	Wilson Bradshaw
1864	Minuets were not printed, manuscript got lost			
1865	Mt. Ephraim	Larkin Hodges	J.R. Hodges	Joseph Harrison
1866	South Fork	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivette	Larkin Hodges
1867	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	J.R. Carlton
1868	Union	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	James Parsons
1869	Stony Fork	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	W.H. Phillips
1870	Old Field	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	William Wilcox
1871	Elk	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	James Parsons
1872	Mt. Vernon	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	J.R. Carlton
1873	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	Larkin Hodges
1874	Yellow Hill	Larkin Hodges	W.E. Greene	James Parsons
1875	Laurel Fork	Larkin Hodges	W.E. Greene	Levi Wilson
1876	Stony Fork	Larkin Hodges	W.E. Greene	Larkin Hodges
1877	Poplar Grove	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivette	James Parsons
1878	Old Field	Larkin Hodges	W.E. Greene	J.R. Carlton
1879	Elk	Larkin Hodges	W.E. Greene	Monroe Gragg
1880	Mt. Vernon	Larkin Hodges	W.E. Greene	Monroe Gragg
1881	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivette	Levi Wilson
1882	Mt. Ephraim	J.F. Eller	John R. Hodges	James Parsons
1883	Yellow Hill	J.F. Eller	Elijah Trivette	Larkin Hodges
1884	Boones For	Larkin Hodges	Thomas Pipes	Larkin Pipes
1885	Buffalo Cove	J.F. Eller	Thomas Pipes	J.F. Eller
1886	Stony Fork	E.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E.M. Gragg
1887	Union	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	David Eller
1888	Laurel Fork	James Parsons	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1889	Poplar Grove	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	John F. Eller
1890	Mt. Vernon	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1891	Watauga	E.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1892	Mt. Paran	E.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E.M. Gragg
1893	Boones Fork	E.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	S.T. Carroll
1894	Yellow Hill	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	John F. Eller
1895	New River	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Geo. W. Trivette
1896	Elk	E.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J.C. Miller
1897	Laurel Fork	E.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	W.M. Lee
1898	Buffalo Cove	J.C. Miller	Wm. M. Lee	J.F. Davis
1899	Mt. Vernon	E.M. Gragg	R.H. Pipes	J. F. Sherwood
1900	Watauga	E.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	D. C. Harman

1901	Stony Fork	J. C. Miller	Wm. M. Lee	John Crisp
1902	Poplar Grove	J.C. Miller	A. J. Shul I	J. C. Blaylock
1903	Boones Fork	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1904	Mt. Ephraim	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	F. M. Gragg
1905	Mt. Paran	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1906	Yellow Hill	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Asa Brown
1907	New River	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	J. F. Davis
1908	Middle Cane	James F. Church	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1909	Elk	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1910	Laurel Fork	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1911	Mt. Vernon	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	D. M. Wheeler
1912	Poplar Grove	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	R. F. Wilcox
1913	Watauga	Thos. L. Day	N.S. Hampton	N.S. Hampton
1914	Mt. Ephraim	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1915	Boones Fork	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	D. M. Wheeler
1916	Rock Spring	B. F. Wilcox	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1917	Mt. Paran	B. F. Wilcox	N.S. Hampton	N.S. Hampton
1918	Due to outbreak of influenza, no Association was held			
1919	Yellow Hill	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	B. F. Wilcox
1920	Mt. Vernon	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1921	Laurel Fork	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	D. M. Wheeler
1922	Watauga	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	Oscar Dillinger
1923	Poplar Grove	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1924	Boones Fork	B. F. Wilcox	J. A. Hampton	W. D. Ashley
1925	Mt. Ephraim	B. F. Wilcox	J.A. Hampton	J. A. Hampton
1926	Rock View	D. M. Wheeler	J. A. Hampton	G. M. Watson
1927	Elk	D. M. Wheeler	R.F. Wilcox	A.C. Hamby
1928	Watauga	D. M. Wheeler	B.F. Wilcox	B. F. Wilcox
1929	Sandy Flat	D. M. Wheeler	B.F. Wilcox	G.M. Watson
1930	Middle Can	W. D. Ashley	B.F. Wilcox	Linney Barnes
1931	Laurel Fork	W.D. Ashley	B.F. Wilcox	B.F. Wilcox
1932	New Hopewell	G.M. Watson	B.F. Wilcox	J.T. McGuire
1933	Yellow Hill	B.F. Wilcox	Roy Keller	G.M. Watson
1934	Mt. Vernon	G.W. Gragg	Roy Keller	R.H. Shore
1935	Grandmother Gap	G.W. Gragg	Roy Keller	W.J. Cook
1936	Mt. Ephraim	G.W. Gragg	Roy Keller	Carl Triplett
1937	Mt. View	B. F. Wilcox	G.M. Watson	Ray Hendrix
1938	Watauga	Carl Triplett	F.L. Hampton	W.D. Ashley
1939	Laurel Fork	Carl Triplett	F.L. Hampton	W.J. Cook
1940	Bailey's Camp	Carl Triplett	F.L. Hampton	G. M. Watson
1941	Sandy Flat	Lee J. Church	N.L. Harrison	Roy Keller
1942	New Hopewell	Lee J. Church	N.L. Harrison	B.F. Wilcox
1943	Boone Fork	Lee J. Church	N.L. Harrison	W. B. Bryant
1944	Watauga	N.L. Harrison	W.M. Brown	Frank Knight
1945	Laytown	N.L. Harrison	W.M. Brown	W.D. Ashley

1946	Mt. Vernon	G.M. Watson	W. M. Brown	W.D. Ashley
1947	Yellow Hill	Theo Hendrix	G.M. Watson	Roscoe Greene
1948	Doe Ridge - No minutes, manuscript lost at printers			
1949	Mt. Paran	Theo Hendrix	G.M. Watson	Roscoe Greene
1950	Rock Spring	Theo Hendrix	N.L. Harrison	R.L. Barnes
1951	New Hopewell	Theo Hendrix	N. L. Harrison	Barney Oliver
1952	Boone Fork	G.M. Watson	J. Merritt Coffey	W.J. Cook
1953	East Flats	Theo Hendrix	G.M. Watson	R.L. Barnes
1954	Mt. Ephraim	Theo Hendrix	G.M. Watson	Lloyd Duller
1955	Bailey's Camp	Theo Hendrix	G.M. Watson	W.J. Cook
1956	Laurel Fork	Theo Hendrix	J.Merritt Coffey	W.M. Brown
1957	Mt. Vernon			
	Sandy Flat	Theo Hendrix	J.Merritt Coffey	W.J. Cook
1958	Laytown			
	Rock Spring	Theo Hendrix	J. M. Coffey	Carson Eggers
1959	New Hopewell			
	Long Ridge	Carson Eggers	J.Merritt Coffey	W.J. Cook
1960	Mt Paran			
	Boones Fork	Carson Eggers	J.M. Coffey	Wendell Critcher
1961	Watauga			
	Yellow Hill	Carson Eggers	J. M. Coffey	Dupree Gowan
1962	Mt. Ephraim			
	Sandy Flat	Carson Eggers	Winifred Hampton	Roby McNeil
1963	Doe Ridge			
	Rock Spring	Carson Eggers	Winifred Hampton	W.M. Brown
1964	Bailey's Camp			
	Boone Fork	E.O. Bustle	Mrs.Clark Story	W.M. Quinn
1965	Laurel Fork			
	Laytown	E.O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Story	W.M. Brown
1966	Long Ridge	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Story	Phillip Martin
	Mt. Paran	A.C. Moody	Mrs. Clark Story	Pete Vannoy
1967	Mt. Vernon	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Story	Basil Tester
	New Hopewell	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Story	E.O. Bustle
1968	Rock Spring	A.C. Moody	Mrs. Clark Story	A.C. Moody
	Sandy Flat	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Story	R. Matheson
1969	Bailey's Camp	Lewis Hodges	Mrs. Clark Story	Lewis Hodges
	Boone Fork	Lewis Hodges	Mrs. Clark Story	Herring Crisp
1970	Laurel Fork	Lewis Hodges	Barbara West	Davis Austin
	Doe Ridge	Lewis Hodges	Barbara West	Archie Clawson
1971	Laytown	David Austin	Barbara West	Ray Turbyfill
	Long Ridge	David Austin	Barbara West	Sherrill Welborn
1972	Mt. Ephraim	David Austin	Barbara West	Gurney Robbins
	Mt. Paran	David Austin	Barbara West	A. C. Moody
1973	Mt. Vernon	Marvin Saunders	Barbara West	Everette Watson
	New Hopewell	Marvin Saunders	Barbara West	Sherrill Welborn

1974	Rock Spring	Marvin Saunders	Barbara West	Merle Johnson
	Sandy Flat	Marvin Saunders	Barbara West	Dale Milstead
1975	Yellow Hill	Merle Johnson	Barbara West	Dean Hodges
	Bailey's Camp	Merle Johnson	Barbara West	Max West
1976	Boone Fork	Charles Craig	Barbara West	A.C. Moody
	Doe Ridge	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Lloyd Hollman
1977	Laurel Fork	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Raymond Hendrix
	Laytown	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Max West
1978	Long Ridge	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Phillip Martin
	Mt. Ephraim	Charles Craig	Barbara West	A.C. Moody
1979	Mt. Vernon	Max West	Barbara West	Harold Bean
	Boone Fork	Max West	Barbara West	Harold Danner
1980	Mt. Paron	Max West	Barbara West	Jim Lambert
	New Hopewell	Max West	Barbara West	Burl Jones
1981	Rock Spring	Max West	Barbara West	Cannon Ward
	Sandy Flat	Max West	Barbara West	Jim Lambert
1982	Watauga	Max West	Barbara West	Jack White
	Bailey's Camp	Max West	Barbara West	Cecil Gragg
1983	Boone Fork	Jack White	Barbara West	Burl Jones
	Doe Ridge	Jack White	Barbara West	J.R. Robbins
1984	Laurel Fork	Jack White	Linda Mills	Jack White
	Laytown	Jack White	Linda Mills	Ed Greene
1985	Long Ridge	J. R. Robbins	Linda Mills	Scott Church
	Mt. Ephraim	J. R. Robbins	Linda Mills	Ed Greene
1986	Rock Spring	J. R. Robbins	Linda Mills	Scott Church
	Sandy Flat	J.R. Robbins	Linda Mills	Max West
1987	Bailey's Camp	J. R. Robbins	Linda Mills	Greg Mathis
	Boone Fork	J.R. Robbins	Linda Mills	Everette Little
1988	Doe Ridge	Scott Church	Linda Mills	Kenneth Ridings
	Laytown	Scott Church	Linda Mills	Carter Moretz
1989	Long Ridge	Scott Church	Linda Mills	Alex Booth
	Mt. Ephraim	Scott Church	Linda Mills	Carter Moretz
1990	Rock Spring	George Berry	Linda Mills	Scott Church
	Sandy Flat	George Berry	Linda Mills	Max West
1991	Bailey's Camp	George Berry	Linda Mills	Jimmy Hubbard
	Boone Fork	George Berry	Linda Mills	Eugene Fillers
1992	Doe Ridge	George Berry	Linda Mills	Arvil Hardy
	Laytown	George Berry	Linda Mills	Dennis Geouge
1993	Long Ridge	Max West	Linda Mills	John McCoury
	Mt. Ephraim	Max West	Linda Mills	Sherrill Dunn
1994	Rock Spring	Max West	Linda Mills	Richard Baird
	Sandy Flat	Max West	Linda Mills	Leon Silver
1995	Bailey's Camp	Ron Burgett	Linda Mills	Max West
	Doe Ridge	Ron Burgett	Linda Mills	Arvil Hardy
1996	Laytown	Ron Burgett	Linda Mills	Danny Murphy

	Long Ridge	Ron Burgett	Linda Mills	John McCoury
1997	Mt. Ephraim	Roy Kanupp	Linda Mills	Tim Dockery
	Rock Spring	Roy Kanupp	Linda Mills	Ron Burgett
1998	Sandy Flat	Roy Kanupp	Linda Mills	Tim Dockery
	Bailey's Camp	Roy Kanupp	Linda Mills	Max West

The churches; Buffalo Cove, Cool Springs, Wilkes County Elk, Stony Fork, and Yellow Hill, formerly belonging to other associations.

Met at the Stony Fork Baptist Church and organized the Stony Fork Baptist Association on November 9th and 10th., 1880. For this meeting, appointed Elder Larkin Hodges, moderator and Brother Elijah Trivette, Clerk.



TABLES



NAME OF CHURCH	County	Total Members	Total Baptists	Other Additions	Total Sunday School Enrollment	Sunday School Average Attendance	Vacation Bible Enrollment	Total Discipleship Training Enrollment	Total Music Ministry Enrollment	Total WMU Enrollment	Total Brotherhood Enrollment	Total Receipts	Total Missionary Expenditure	Cooperative Program	Associational Membership	Value of Church Property	Congregational Contributions
Bailey's Camp	Caldwell	63	0	1	22	17	33	0	19	0	0	16,034	6050	2658	1425	75,000	0
Doe Ridge	Watauga	65	0	0	26	26	0	0	10	0	0	8909	790	370	420	65,000	0
Laytown	Caldwell	90	6	7	37	27	0	0	0	4	0	47,902	6,461	0	210	152,000	0
Mt. Ephraim	Watauga	120	1	0	55	55	22	0	19	10	0	29,699	4,405	0	0	152,100	0
Rock Spring	Wilkes	80	3	0	50	50	50	0	21	8	0	56,952	11,872	7588	2140	200,000	0
Sandy Flat	Watauga	82	3	0	41	29	43	30	19	8	0	30,379	11,945	397	1,942	0	0
TOTALS		500	13	8	231	204	148	30	87	30	0	189,875	41,723	11,013	6137	647,100	0
PREVIOUS YEAR TOTALS		520	12	8	239	192	195	29	88	56	0	101,140	37,997	8,006	5,561	647,100	0



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Associational Brotherhood Director and Address

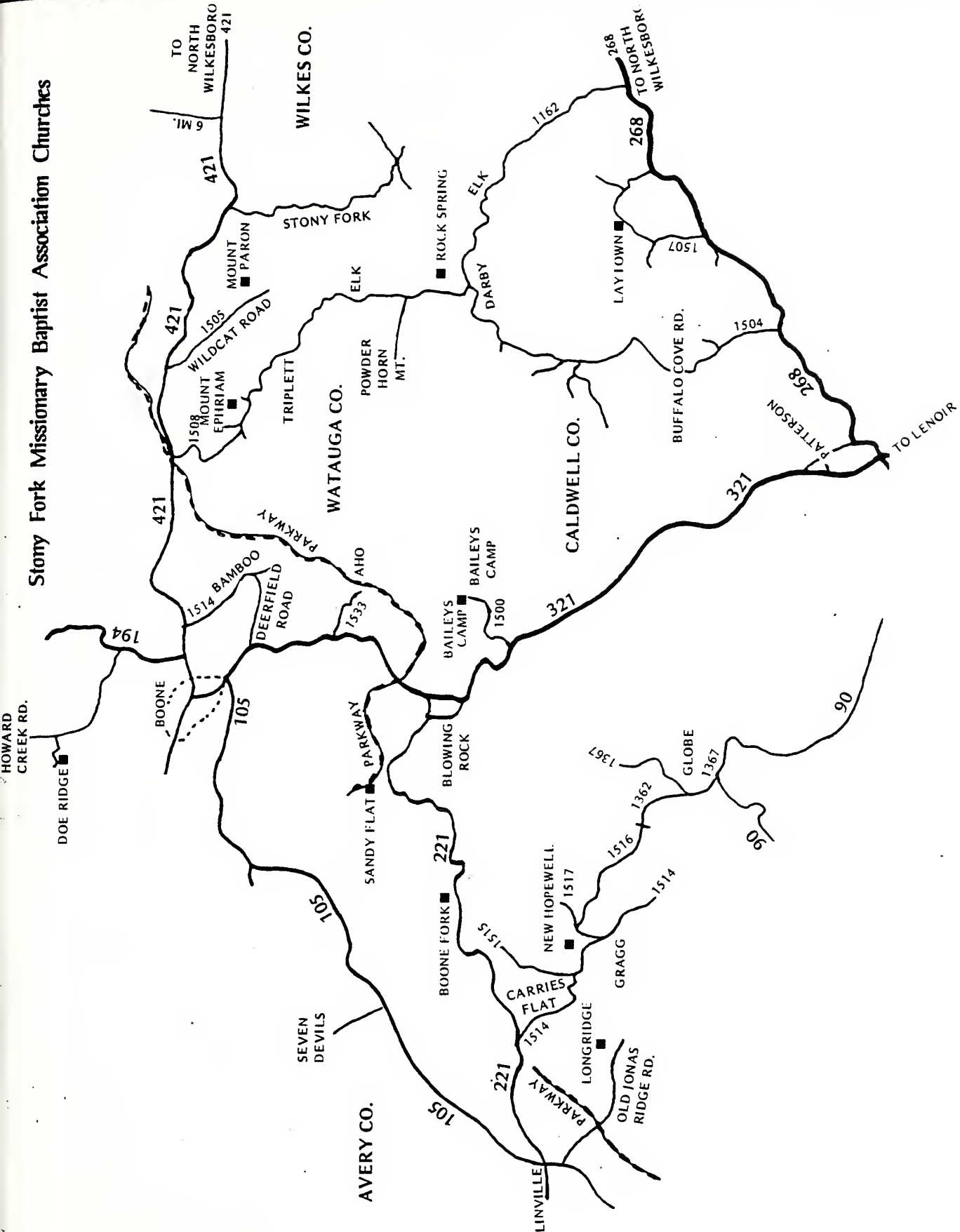
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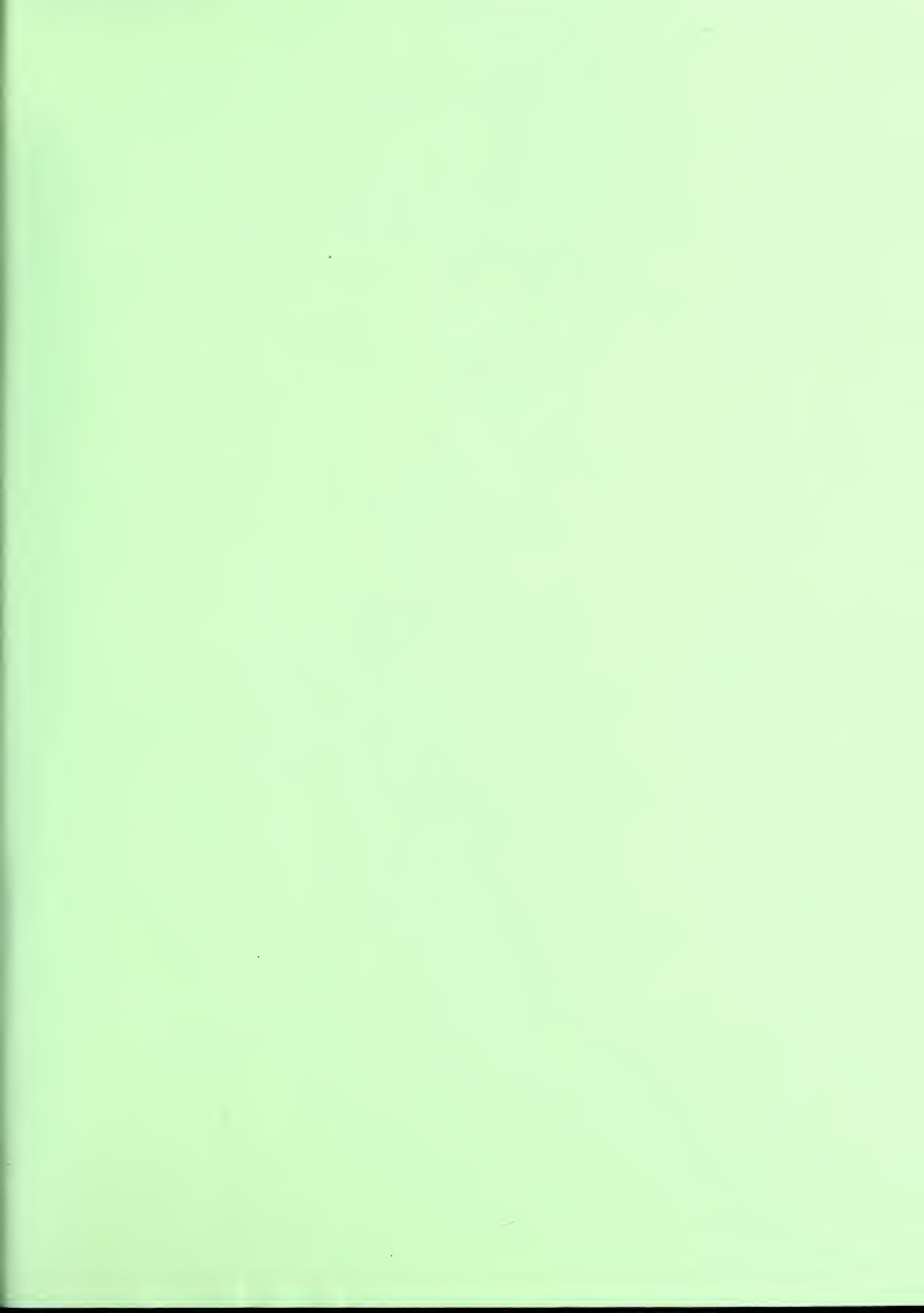


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Stony Fork Missionary Baptist Association Churches





**STONY FORK MISSIONARY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OF NORTH CAROLINA
2000 ANNUAL MEETING**

**2000 MINUTES OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-NINTH
ANNUAL MEETING
OF
STONY FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
AT
MT. EPHRAIM, AUGUST 11, 2000
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**STONY FORK
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Music Director	Pauline Eldreth	(828) 264-2532	567 Grand Blvd. Boone, NC 28607
WMU Director	Eunice Luttrell	(828) 295-7732	132 Collins Store Rd. Blowing Rock, NC 28605
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Nominating Committee	George Berry	(828) 297-1223	709 Laurel Creek Rd. Sugar Grove, NC 28679

ANNUAL MEETING - 2001 AUGUST 10, SANDY FLAT AUGUST 11, BAILEY'S CAMP

REPORTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

I did not receive a report from all of the churches so I am not sure how many churches actually had VBS this year.

Those churches reporting were Sandy Flat, with an average attendance of 47, Bailey's Camp, with an average attendance of 32 and Rock Spring with an average attendance of 69. This is a total of 148 children and adults involved in Vacation Bible School for the year 2000.

What we cannot calculate is how many lives may be changed because someone attended Vacation Bible School at one of our churches.

We really need to train our children who attend church, but the most important thing we do through VBS, is to reach those children who never attend church at any other time.

Please let me encourage you to begin now to plan to have VBS next year at your church if you did not do so this year.

If you need any information or help planning VBS, just let me know and I will be happy to help in any way I can.

God at work from 1845 to 1999

The Southern Baptist Convention was formed in 1845 for the primary purpose of establishing two mission boards, the Foreign Mission Board and the Domestic Mission Board (which later became the Home Mission Board and now the North American Mission Board). This was precipitated by controversy with northern Baptists over the issue of appointing slave owners as missionaries.

The Foreign Mission Board's headquarters were located in Richmond, Virginia, and its first commissioning service was held on June 15, 1846, at Richmond's Second Baptist Church. Since then, more than 13,000 missionaries have been appointed, one-third of whom are in active service today.

The International Mission Board (formerly Foreign Mission Board) is an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest evangelical denomination, claiming more than 40,000 churches with nearly 16 million members.

The board's main objective is presenting the gospel of Jesus Christ in order to lead individuals to saving faith in Him and result in church-planting movements among all the peoples of the world.

Unprecedented results

God is working in unprecedented ways through Southern Baptists and Baptist partners overseas with whom IMB missionaries are affiliated. Last year 348,635 baptisms were reported and 4,251 churches were started on mission fields around the world. The total membership of overseas Baptist churches exceeded 4.4 million in 1998.

V E N E Z U E L A

MASSIVE LANDSLIDES OPEN HEARTS TO CHRIST'S LOVE

God is at work in Venezuela in the aftermath of horrible landslides that killed at least 40,000 people and left 400,000 homeless.

A five-member assessment team—sent to identify ways Baptists can share God's love with people suffering from the catastrophe—was overwhelmed by what they saw in the disaster zone.

In Maiquetia, team members examined extensive damage to Light and Truth Baptist Church. A torrent of water, mud and rock had cut a 300-foot-wide swath through the neighborhood behind the church, wiping out everything in its path.

In eastern Miranda state, residents of Rio Chico said a 30-foot wall of water swept through the town after a dam on a nearby reservoir broke. At Nuevo Guapo, brush and debris on the power lines indicated the flood there had been at least 20 feet deep.

"It's incredible to think that in one evening so many homes were destroyed and lives lost," said missionary Rich Hutchens. "It would be the equivalent of losing every home in Birmingham or Louisville, along with 50,000 men, women and children, literally overnight."

Daniel Ojeda, pastor of Bethesda Baptist Church in Catia la Mar, chose to stay behind to help organize relief efforts when his wife and children were evacuated. He reported he had shown the JESUS film in several places the week before the landslides, and every community he had worked in was completely destroyed. No homes remained, and none of the mission points there was functioning.

The trauma has left deep scars, Hutchens said.

Just before Christmas, a clown troupe from Caracas churches presented a skit to about 30 children who had lost their homes in the landslide. When one of the performers said the word "rain," the children burst into tears, and the group had to move quickly to another activity.

The International Mission Board released \$80,000 to help purchase food, water, medicines and mattresses that were to be distributed by missionaries and Venezuelan Baptists through a network of Baptist churches in the disaster area.

Pray that the ministry and witness opportunities created by the landslide will bear fruit for God's kingdom.

STEWARDSHIP/COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

In years past I have reported on stewardship in relationship to talents and time but today I am going to the "bottom line" and report on what God expects you to do with your money.

My scripture reference is 2 Corinthians, chapters 7 and 8 and I will point out the 7 principles for Christian Stewardship from this scripture, written by Paul to the church at Corinth.

1. Responsibility - it is the responsibility of each of us as Christians to support the local church and all the ministries undertaken by it, whether it be local, state or foreign missions or addressing any other need that might be brought before the assembly.

2. Personal Commitment - just as our calling from God is personal, our giving is also personal. God blesses each of us in a unique way. He expects us to be committed to giving and speaks to each of us in a personal way. I cannot give for you and you cannot give for me.

3. Attitude - Paul spoke of the attitude of the people of Macedonia as they gave to support his mission work and the work of others. Remember, we are to be cheerful givers. God does not want us to give for any other reason but because we love him, not because we expect something in return.

4. Willingness - we should give freely and willingly. God knows our hearts and minds.

5. Proportionate giving - God said "to whom much is given, much is expected". We are all so blessed today and could do so much more for the work of the Lord than we do. Do our lifestyles show that we are giving God his portion?

6. Sacrifice - this goes along with #5. Paul spoke of what a sacrifice it was for the people of Macedonia and other churches to send so much. If we are not willing to give God His proportion, we certainly aren't willing to give sacrificially. There is an old adage that goes "live simply so that others may simply live". We need to share all those wonderful blessings from Him.

7. Systematic giving - what better system to use for giving than through the local church, putting our tithes to work where they will meet the most needs. Hopefully, the local church will participate in the Cooperative Program, where our tithes will be used to reach even a greater area of needs.

The Cooperative Program marks its 75 Anniversary this year and a national emphasis is underway to celebrate this historic event. Partners in Harvest is recognizing the Cooperative Program's history and accomplishments, and the men and women who have taken the message of salvation to a lost and dying world.

Also, Partners in Harvest casts a new vision for Southern Baptist missions. As we enter the 21st century, the need for missions has never been more acute, the opportunities never greater. With all our evangelistic emphasis, there are still millions who have never heard the name of Jesus except as a swear word. This may be the greatest missions effort in Southern Baptist History.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

OFFERING	1999	2000
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	6,289	6,540
ASSOC. MISSIONS	4,141	5,071
STATE MISSIONS	1,396	1,660
ANNIE ARMSTRONG	1,927	2,781
LOTTIE MOON	3,144	3,143
OTHER SBC MISSIONS	10,845	8,668
NON-SBC MISSIONS	24,088	13,608
TOTAL	51,830	34,931

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Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

2000

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Christian higher education represents one of our enduring values as North Carolina Baptists. From the founding of our Convention in 1830, we have supported Christian higher education. Our churches, associations, and state have benefited as a result.

Last year North Carolina Baptists provided special scholarship assistance to members from our churches who chose to attend one of our affiliated colleges or universities. Sixty-eight out of eighty associations were represented among the hundreds of students who received this special Convention sponsored scholarship assistance.

The institutions matched the Convention's support of these Baptists students through institutional support. For every dollar provided to students through the Cooperative Program, the institutions matched it with \$2.50 of additional financial assistance. Forty-five percent (45%) of the on-campus student populations are Baptists.

In addition to support of undergraduates, North Carolina Baptists assisted 297 divinity school students last year. This financial assistance was made possible through churches giving through optional giving Plans B and C. Members from our churches who have sensed God's call upon their lives to serve as ministers or missionaries are eligible to receive a theological educational grant from the Convention.

If a student pursues their degree from the divinity schools at Gardner-Webb or Campbell, the student is eligible to receive a grant of \$8,100. If a student pursues his or her theological education from other institutions, the student is eligible to receive a grant of \$3,000 for their studies.

Reverend Shane Kirby recently graduated from the M. Christopher White School of Divinity at Gardner-Webb University. Upon graduation, Mr. Kirby said, *"I couldn't be more happy that I was able to obtain my master's at a North Carolina Baptist institution. I look at it like the Baptists of this state invested in me. Now, I feel a sense of responsibility to the good people of my denomination to serve them."*

North Carolina Baptists can take pride in graduates, like Mr. Kirby, who want to serve our Lord and his churches in North Carolina.

Without the faithful support of the Cooperative Mission Budget of the Baptist State Convention, opportunities for our members to attend Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill or Wingate would not be possible.

Thank you North Carolina Baptists for your continued support of Christian higher education in our state.

Annual Financial Report
Stony Fork Baptist Association
Aug. 11, 2000

Balance July 31, 1999: \$4588.91

Contributions:

	General Fund
--Bailey's Camp	\$ 600.00
--Doe Ridge	416.00
--Laytown	315.00
--Mt. Ephriam	500.00
--Rock Spring	1689.20
--Sandy Flat	2051.39
--Offering-Executive committee meeting	162.82
--Baptist State Convention	118.46

Total Contributions:	\$ <u>5852.87</u>
Total	10441.78

Expenditures:

--Roy Gryder (DOM expense)	\$381.97
--Linda Mills (Clerk Hon)	250.00
--Edith Gryder (Treas. Hon.)	250.00
--Precision Printing (minutes)	352.98
--WMU Expenses	60.00
--Christian Action League	200.00
--Hurricane Floyd Relief	1500.00
--Hur. Fld. Relief workers	100.00
--Mozambique Relief	600.00
--Furniture (Mrs. McGuire)	250.00

Total expenditures:	\$ <u>3944.95</u>
Balance in Treasure July 31, 2000	\$ 6496.83

Stony Fork Baptist Association
Approved budget
2000-2001

Director of Missions (expense)	\$ 900.00
Clerk honorarium	250.00
Treasure honorarium	250.00
VBS	250.00
Discipleship training	150.00
Sunday School	100.00
Evangelism (including conf.)	350.00
WMU	450.00
Convention (6 persons)	600.00
Clerical	50.00
Minutes	400.00
Christian Action League	200.00
Assistance for disaster relief workers from our association	200.00
Benevolent fund	<u>1000.00</u>
	\$5150.00

Persons being aware of emergency needs should contact the DOM who will contact the pastors of each church for approval rather than waiting until the next scheduled meeting time.

1 9 9 9 M I N I S T R Y R E P O R T**Reaching The Cities**

One of the most significant changes of the twentieth century was the urbanization of America. Between 1940 and 1990, metropolitan areas in the United States grew as much as 500 percent. Today, 150 million people live in our 50 largest cities. The top 20 cities in the United States are projected to grow 30 to 70 percent over the next 20 years.

But ministry and witness efforts have not kept pace with this phenomenal growth. While Southern Baptists have seen tremendous increases, little of that growth has been in the major cities of the United States and Canada.

Strategic Focus Cities is a strategy for allocating spiritual, human, and financial resources to our major urban areas. NAMB is developing local strategies with state conventions and association partners in the highest priority cities. In 1999, those plans included:

- Development of prayer networks within the six selected cities and across North America to assure that the initiatives are supported by intercessory prayer.
- Promotion and recruitment of thousands of volunteers for the priority cities designated for 2000—Chicago and Phoenix—and plans for evangelistic media opportunities in those cities.
- Evangelism strategies have been developed for the priority cities designated for 2001, Boston and Las Vegas, while organization and planning are underway for Seattle and Philadelphia, priorities in 2002.
- Partnerships with some of Southern Baptists' largest churches will help plant four flagship churches in each metropolitan area. These churches, with proven records of reaching people in their own cities, are committed to bringing their experience to reaching the cities, mobilizing lay volunteers, and providing financial and prayer support to the church planting partnerships.
- Selection of future Strategic Focus Cities will come from the remaining 10 priority cities:

- Los Angeles, Calif.
- San Diego, Calif.
- San Francisco/Oakland, Calif.
- Montreal, Canada
- Toronto, Canada
- Washington, D.C.
- Miami, Fla.
- Detroit, Mich.
- New York, N.Y.
- Cleveland, Ohio

Our Mission

The North American Mission Board (NAMB) exists to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, start New Testament congregations, minister to persons in the name of Christ, and assist churches in the United States and Canada in effectively performing these functions.

Our Vision

We see a day when every person in every community in the United States and Canada will have the opportunity to hear the gospel, respond with faith in Christ, and participate in a New Testament fellowship of believers.

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

"Quality Service Through Quality Relationships" is not just a slogan. It is a foundational statement of philosophy. In our ministry, relationships are everything — relationships with children, with families, with placement agencies, with our own families and churches, and with each other. We are blessed by God in this work because we honor God in relationships.

During the QSTQR emphasis, all BCH staff at every ministry point have made extra efforts to strengthen relationships with the people we encounter. We have incorporated the terms quality, service and relationships into a plan of action. We have reflected our desire for quality relationships in everything we do in order to deliver quality services that change lives. QSTQR, celebrating the mission . . . the millennium . . . the ministry, was BCH's theme from Easter, 1999 through Thanksgiving, 2000.

Through Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, hundreds of children and families are given new hope for their futures. . .

Children like Linda and her two younger sisters. Linda feared for their well being. It was her responsibility to care for her sisters. Linda remembers moving to a shelter where she finally felt they were safe; there was enough food for the sisters and warm beds. The three children were later placed at BCH. Now, Linda is in a place where others care for her. Linda has discovered God cares for her, too.

The McDonalds found the challenge of being a blended family difficult at times. Their son began to exhibit anger toward his parents. He would challenge their authority and began getting in trouble with some neighborhood kids. The situation was getting out of control. Corey's parents called BCH, where they found a staff willing to embrace their family with hope. Today, Corey has begun to deal with his anger, mistrust and behavior issues. His parents are learning how to better communicate with each other and with Corey.

During the past year, BCH served 1800 children and families through 13 facilities statewide. BCH operates residential campuses in Thomasville, Pembroke, Kinston and Clyde; a maternity home in Asheville; a teen mother/baby home in Lenoir; values change homes for girls in Franklin and Lenoir; therapeutic camping for boys in Cameron; emergency care cottages at the residential campuses and in Waynesville and Asheville; and a model day care center in Thomasville.

In 2000, BCH began a new, innovative ministry caring for developmentally disabled adults and their families. Our Trustees unanimously approved a major undertaking this year by committing more than \$3.5 million to replace, repair, construct and make-much needed improvements at every BCH location. Most of the work is complete. You are invited to visit our cam-

puses and other facilities to see first hand the difference you are helping us to make.

The commitment to quality has been a cornerstone of this institution since its beginning. **“Quality Service Through Quality Relationships”** was a 20-month public demonstration of this cornerstone. The emphasis places top priority on relationships to achieve the highest quality of service possible. Significant growth has been realized during this period. BCH has dedicated new structures at Odum Home, Cameron Boys Camp, Kennedy Home, Broyhill and Mills Home campuses and added new work in Waynesville and Asheville as well as Moody Home, Care House, Noel Group Home. Several significant anniversaries have been observed: the 85th of Kennedy Home in Kinston, the 30th of Baptist Maternity Home in Asheville, the 20th of Cameron Boys Camp, the 40th annual Western Area Conference, and the 115th anniversary of Baptist Children’s Homes of North Carolina.

To help commemorate BCH’s 115th anniversary and to celebrate the impact QSTQR has had on staff and children, approximately 600 children, administrators, childcare workers, social workers and staff were brought together June 28, 2000 from around the state for a day of inspiration, fellowship, food and fun. **“The Family Gathering”** was held at Mills Home where BCH began in 1885. This is the first time all the Baptist Children’s Homes’ “family” have been together at the same place and at the same time.

Baptist Children’s Homes QSTQR emphasis will culminate at Thanksgiving. We invite you to attend BCH’s 30 minute presentation at the 2000 annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention in Winston-Salem on Tuesday, November 14, 2000 at 2:10 pm. We encourage you to be part of our ambitious \$1 million Thanksgiving Offering goal. That number may seem enormous, but there is also enormous need. For all the good North Carolina Baptists are doing to help children and families, there is still so much that needs to be done. We are confident our churches will help us meet this important goal!

The support of North Carolina Baptists through the Thanksgiving Offering, Cooperative Program, and individual gifts, memorials, honors, bequests and estate gifts help enable us fulfill our mission statement: **“helping hurting children . . . healing broken families.”**

North Carolina’s **“largest family”** is grateful to North Carolina Baptists for prayers and support. To secure a video or a speaker for your church, or for information about our services, please call (336) 474-1209.

Michael C. Blackwell, President
Ward F. Mullis, Chairman, Board of Trustees

Common Funds

The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc. is the trust agency of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and was chartered in 1920 as the first Baptist Foundation in the United States. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the mission of the Baptist Foundation is to serve North Carolina Baptists and others as they seek to financially undergird their churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. Responsibility for governing the Foundation is vested in a 20 member Board of Directors elected by the delegates of the Baptist State Convention. On December 31, 1999, the total market value of

the assets managed by the Foundation were in excess of \$93 million.

The assets managed are typically held as common investment funds to aid in providing diversity and professional money management. Money managers operate under the investment policy set forth by the Board of Directors.

The Foundation has employed The Consulting Group, a wholly owned subsidiary of Salomon Smith Barney, to assist the Board in:

- Developing and employing appropriate asset allocation strategies

- Performing ongoing due diligence and analysis on money management firms
- Selecting money management firms to manage Foundation assets
- Monitoring results to provide assurance that investments meet policy objectives with regard to risk and return
- Guarding against investments in assets contrary to Baptist faith and beliefs
- Coordinating the entire investment process for the Foundation.

The common funds administered by The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., as of December 31, 1999, are as follows:

GROWTH FUND	BALANCED FUND	INCOME FUND	FIXED INCOME FUND
The investment objective of the Growth Fund is long-term growth of principal with minimal emphasis on current income. Assets may be invested in equities, fixed income and cash equivalent securities. The preferred asset mix is 80% equities/20% fixed income with the target return over a ten-year horizon of 11% on an annual basis. This fund is typical for permanent endowments where payments are made from earned income and realized gains.	The investment objective of the Balanced Fund is long-term growth of principal with emphasis on current income. Assets may be invested in equities, fixed income and cash equivalent securities. The preferred asset mix is 50% equities/50% fixed income with the target return over a ten-year horizon of 9% on an annual basis. This fund is typical for fixed payment accounts where payments may be made from earned income, realized gains and principal, if necessary.	The investment objective of the Income Fund is current income with minimal emphasis on long-term growth of principal. Assets may be invested in equities, fixed income and cash equivalent securities. The preferred asset mix is 80% fixed income/20% equities with the target return over a ten-year horizon of 7% on an annual basis. This fund is typical for net income type accounts where payments may be made from earned income and realized gains.	The investment objective of the Fixed Income Fund is maximum income and minimal principal fluctuation. Assets may be invested in fixed income securities and cash equivalent securities with the highest targeted weight on the fixed income securities portion. This fund is typical for fixed income accounts that are revocable.

The Foundation provides a mid-year and end of year accounting report for each account it holds. Information on the reports includes gifts, distributions, expenses, and book and market values for the reporting period. More frequent reports are available upon request.

Earnings on the investments are allocated to the accounts monthly. Distributions to beneficiaries are made in accordance with the governing document.

Common funds managed by the Foundation are exempt from registration requirements of the federal securities laws, pursuant to the exemption for collective investment funds and similar funds maintained by charitable organizations under The Philanthropy Protection Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-62). Fund managers for the Growth Fund, Balanced Fund and Income Fund are:

Large Growth Equity:
Alliance Capital
Management
Large Value Equity:
Boston Safe Advisors
International Equity:
Invesco Capital
Management

Small/Mid Cap Value Equity:
Private Capital
Management
Fixed Income:
Seix Investment
Advisors

The fund manager for the Fixed Income Fund is the Southern Baptist Foundation.

The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc. is partially supported by the Cooperative Program of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Primary financial support comes from the administrative fees charged proportionally to each account being managed. Funds managed in 1999 for or on behalf of individuals were charged an annual administration fee based on 1% of the market value of the fund assets. Churches and other Baptist institutions and agencies in 1999 were charged an administration fee of one-half of 1% of the market value. All fees are taken quarterly on a pro-rata basis.

Professional investment managers and investment advisors may be retained by the funds, and may be compensated out of the assets of the common funds. Each donor is advised to consult his or her own advisors regarding the risks, tax treatments and other aspects of contributing to the Foundation.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

For individuals creating charitable gift annuities, much of the information in this disclosure will not be relevant. The obligation to make the annuity payment under the charitable gift annuity agreement will be backed by the general assets of the institution benefitting from the gift.

The Foundation's policy is to maintain an unrestricted reserve at least equal to the current gift annuity obligations. In accordance with state requirements, the reserve will always be a minimum of \$100,000. Based on actuarial tables, obligations on gift annuities for 1998 and 1999 were \$118,399 and \$114,993 respectively.

This annuity is not issued by an insurance company, is not subject to regulation by the State of North Carolina, and is not protected or otherwise guaranteed by any government agency or insurance guaranty fund.



DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

I have noticed through the years that there are some areas where our churches need training, especially our young people. Who will carry on the work when we are gone? Who will be Sunday School director in a few years? Who will make sure God's word is being taught. Many people do not know how to conduct a business meeting, but God's word says things should be done in a decent manner.

Many church doors will be closed because there is no one to carry on the work. In Ephesians 4:6-14, He gives us all gifts for the work of the ministry. In verse 14, He warns us about false doctrines and the craftiness of man, whereby we might be deceived.

Who is going to proclaim that Jesus is the only way when others are teaching other ways? There is no other gospel except Jesus Christ and him crucified. Jesus is the head of the church and we are all equal in his sight.

God gifted us with different kinds of ministry and all are equally important. We must teach and train all our people to be able to perform their ministries. He called us all to be missionaries in Matthew 28. If each of us would get one person to church next Sunday, see them saved, then the kingdom of God would grow. We are saved to be a servant.

You never know when you are being a light for Christ because some one is always watching you. We need to walk worthy of the calling He has given us. We need to get back to teaching our people what the Bible says we are to do in our ministries.

I think there is a need to teach and train our young people so they can teach their children so the work will continue as the Hebrew people did in the book of Deuteronomy.

WOMEN ON MISSION

In Matthew 28 the Bible tells us we are all called to be missionaries. Called to reach the lost and to try to get them into the local church where the pastor can nourish them and lead them to the Lord.

When we take food for some one in need or flowers to some one who has suffered a loss, we should also share God's love with them. Sometimes just hearing some one loves them brings the most comfort in a time of sorrow.

The women in all our churches should be working with the young girls, in GA's and Acteens and Mission Friends. They should also work with the boys if there is no Brotherhood organization, especially if a lot of boys are attending other church services.

Our State Women on Mission office works with women in prisons and with their children. We are also involved in Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes at Christmas. Women on Mission have been involved with hurricane relief at the coast, following the devastating floods there.

Our annual meeting was held at Ridgecrest where we were able to attend and meet our missionaries on a one to one basis.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS 2000

It is with humble gratitude that the Christian Action League of North Carolina serves the Lord Jesus Christ and the churches of this great state as a Beacon of light, guiding referendums and legislation through the murky waters of special-interest groups and educating God's people about the moral problems in our state and nation. Our goal is to encourage and organize the people of God so that our light will be seen brightly throughout our state; and when we speak, it will be in one accord and will resound loudly.

A. Christian Values

- ✓a. The Christian Action League again co-sponsored the Fifth Annual Christian Heritage Week of North Carolina held in March. It was our pleasure to provide awards for excellence to those high school students who won the essay contest on America's Christian background.
- ✓b. CAL has continued to promote and distribute copies of the Ten Commandments throughout North Carolina. To date, over 15,000 copies have been mailed.
- ✓c. Promoted awareness of worldwide persecution of Christians (particularly in Sudan) through email alerts and radio.
- d. Participated with the American Family Association in distributing copies of our national motto posters "In God We Trust".
- e. Joined with Family Life Ministries in promoting and distributing copies of the Marriage Covenant Certificates.
- ✓f. Participated in the National Day of Prayer.
- g. Set up CAL exhibit at Baptist State Convention and the East and West Districts of the Wesleyan Church conferences.
- h. Worked in the General Assembly to stop a bill that would allow physicians to take immediate custody of a child that they felt had been abused. The bill died in committee.

B. Radio

"Christians In Action", Station WAGO (88.7 FM) Snow Hill, started Monday, January 3, 2000. This broadcast consists of a five-minute commentary on issues that affect our lives today. We will begin airing this program on Aug. 7 on New Bern (WAAE, 91.9 FM). Our projection is to ultimately reach the whole state.

C. Gambling

- ✓a. Video Poker Machines - The Christian Action League worked round the clock to get video poker banned in this state. We failed getting the ban but were successful in getting SB 1542 to strengthen the law and restrict the operation and expansion of video gambling in the state. We will work vehemently next session in pushing for a ban.
- b. Joined Christian Coalition in survey on how Gubernatorial candidates stood on lottery/released results in newsletter.
- c. Next session the Christian Action League will be on the front line in the Legislature fighting a state-sponsored lottery.

D. Abortion

- a. CAL has purchased the rights through donations of a surgical procedure on a 21-week old fetus that proves that partial-birth abortion is murder. We want to see this picture used extensively in making our case for the pro-life agenda.
- b. CAL participated in the Right to Life Rally held in Raleigh.

E. Alcohol

- a. Participated in four LBD campaigns since January 11, 2000, and there are three scheduled for a September referendum. We help with their organizational meetings, rallies and providing educational materials.
- b. Worked in the General Assembly for passage of HB 1499-Interlock/Open Container law. This bill bans open alcohol containers in the passenger area of a motor vehicle on the highway or highway right-of-way. The bill was ratified on July 13.

E. Pornography

Have produced and aired several radio programs to inform the public of the internet pornography crisis. Educate communities on how they can rid their neighborhoods of adult establishments.

G. Homosexuality

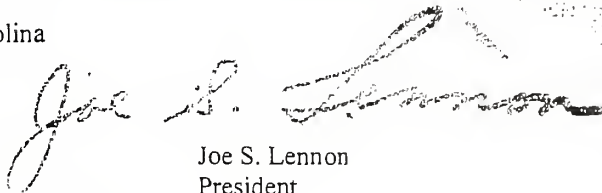
CAL monitors and informs the Christian community of the current homosexual agenda through our email alert.

The Christian Action League of North Carolina produces a quarterly newsletter *The Beacon* that has a distribution of over 21,000. We also send out an email alert every Friday to over 150 members to keep them abreast of current moral, ethical and political issues that affect our state and nation. All services of the Christian Action League are provided at no charge. We depend on God's people to provide for His work.



Reverend Mark H. Creech
Executive Director

Working For A Better North Carolina



Joe S. Lennon
President

Baptist Retirement Homes: "A Half-Century of Service"



For almost 50 years, the front porch has been a favorite spot of residents and guests at The Taylor House in Albemarle. This residence is an assisted living community made possible by the gifts of North Carolina Baptists.

Hamilton Home in Hamilton and The Taylor House in Albemarle, communities that offer assisted living services. Later this year the "Homes" will begin construction on a new community — The Gardens of Taylor Glen, a continuing care community near Concord.

The generous support the "Homes" has received from North Carolina Baptists has enabled it to make a unique promise to its residents: *whatever the future may hold, Baptist Retirement Homes will care for them for the rest of their lives.* Keeping this promise means overcoming many challenges. By 2020 North Carolinians past retirement age will make up 20 percent of the population. While medical science has prolonged life, the effects of aging are often intensified and extended over many years. Many Older Adults exhaust their personal resources and look to the "Homes" for significant financial assistance.

Still Baptist Retirement Homes stands ready to make good its promise of ongoing compassionate and quality care.

In March 2001, the Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina will celebrate 50 years of service to Older Adults. It has been a wonderful half-century, and the "Homes" is thankful for the privilege of sharing in the life journeys of thousands of "Aging Saints."

The quality of life the "Homes" has brought to these Older Adults has been its best measure of success as it has helped ensure that residents live out their lives with autonomy, dignity, and comfort. The "Homes'" dream is to make life for North Carolina Older Adults what God intended it to be... "The Best of Times."

The "Homes" corporation now owns and operates four retirement communities across the state: the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem, a continuing care community offering independent living, assisted living and nursing care; the Western North Carolina Home in Asheville, a community that offers assisted living and nursing care; and the

*Whatever the future may hold,
Baptist Retirement Homes will care for
its residents for the rest of their lives.*

Baptist Elder Care Network

*A statewide system of resource counselors answering
questions related to the needs of aging persons —
A free service provided by Baptist Retirement Homes*



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RESOLUTIONS

Let it be resolved that the Stony Fork Association wishes to thank and express their appreciation to Mt. Ephraim and Rock Spring church for the wonderful hospitality and fellowship that we enjoyed so much, also for the delicious food. We want to thank God for the Moderator, Director of Missions, and all the speakers who gave informative and interesting reports.

OBITUARIES

Bailey's Camp -- Langston Tolbert

Mt. Ephraim -- Johnny Miller

Rock Spring -- Virgie Hall

Sandy Flat -- Inez Loudermelt and Belle Holdaway

PROCEEDINGS

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OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY NINTH
ANNUAL MEETING OF STONY FORK ASSOCIATION
AUGUST 11, 2000
MT. EPHARAIM

- 8:30 Call to Order by the moderator, Roy Kanupp.
Many special requests for prayer, led by the moderator.
- 8:40 Song - Hand in Hand with Jesus.
- 8:45 Devotion - Garrett Mahaffney from John 14:1-7. Jesus said "I am the way". Some people think they can work t their way into heaven, but there is only one way.
- 8:50 Adoption of Program. Moved to adopt all reports, seconded and approved.
- 8:55 Recognition of new pastors and workers - Roy Kanupp, Rock Spring, Garrett Mahaffrey, fill in at Mt. Ephraim, George Berry at Sandy Flat.
- 9:00 Vacation Bible School - Glen Luttrell
- 9:05 International Missions - Eunice Luttrell. Remember to pray for our missionaries as they spread the gospel around the world. They give up so much to go to represent us.
- 9:10 Stewardship/Cooperative Program - Linda Mills
- 9:15 Evangelism - Roy Kanupp. It is important that we get out there and work. You will never go wrong by spreading the gospel. Always pray that God will send you somewhere to preach. We don't need to ask the world for permission to preach or hand out tracts. We are answerable to God.
- 9:20 Christian Higher Education - Roy Gryder
- 9:25 Finance Report/Budget - Edith Gryder. Copies of the proposed budget were given out, to be approved tomorrow. The WMU director asked that money from last year that was not used be carried over to this year to be used for deposit at Ridgecrest.
- 9:40 Break
- 10:10 North American Missions - Eunice Luttrell
- 10:20 North Carolina State Missions - Eunice Luttrell. The needs are great here in N.C. The Baptist Men's Disaster Van is often the first to arrive at the site of a disaster. Several of our men went to the coast to help rebuild homes devastated by the flood.

Roy Gryder reported that on September 17, 2000, he will be returning to the coast with another crew. This is being coordinated by the Baptist Men and he is not sure where they will be going this time. If you can go with them, let Roy know.

10:40 Children's Homes - Report read by Linda Mills.

10:50 Baptist Foundation - Pauline Eldreth.

Roy Gryder suggested that the association think about condensing the annual meeting into one day, reports in the morning and business meeting in the afternoon. Everyone is to think about this and will discuss more later.

11:00 Song - Amazing Grace and It's A Grand And Glorious Feeling.

11:05 Prayer

11:10 Annual Message - Max West. The character and behavior of the church or the stages of the church, early, today and tomorrow. The early church is described in Acts 2: 41-47. The disciples were of one accord. Here we find the early church beginning with Christ. He called out and taught the disciples to be fishers of men. They began to grow and minister and to go out. Jesus said the church would do greater things than He had done. Its character was a people that believed in Jesus Christ and accepted His death for them. The early church began to grow, 3000 added because of Peter's preaching and faith in Christ. They stood steadfast in their belief. Their behavior was one of love and they did not "just give up" like we tend to do today. In Corinthians 13:8, love will never fail. I believe this same pattern the early church followed would still work today. Look at the impact the church has had in our lives individually and in our communities. God's type of love will get the job done. The early church loved one another.

Today's Church - Today we are caught up and going in different directions and are not as close as we should be. Our behavior should be one of deep affection of others. To reach people, we must have that love of God within us. People today need to be loved and cared for, not pushed down further. They need to know someone understands their needs. The early church gave to those in need, even selling all that they had and giving it to the needy. Today we should do the same to demonstrate Christ's love. The Bible says "love thy neighbor as thyself". If we had that character and behavior today, our churches would grow. The devil likes to keep us busy so that we don't have time to get really involved in the

kind of church that the early church was. Families are not as close as they once were. We need to be closer to one another and closer to Christ. Wickedness and sin cause us to become cold and love and trust are destroyed.

Tomorrow's Church -Is our love being passed on to our children and young people? Love, joy, peace, are all qualities we need to be most concerned about. We will need more of these fruits in our lives every day and even more so in years to come. People are growing apart, husbands, wives and children. Where do I fit in? Look at all the members of the church of the world and ask what is my character, my behavior and what will I do? How will I act as a member of Christ's body? It all comes back to the individual. The church began with Christ and grew one member at a time. Am I going to be a model christian in the years to come. In John 13:34-35 a new commandment was give, to love one another as He loved us. In 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 we find the basis of our character and behavior, love never faileth, it will get the job done when nothing else will or can.

12:00

Adjourn - Lunch

**AUGUST 12, 2000
ROCK SPRING**

- 8:30 Call to Order and prayer, Moderator, Roy Kanupp.
- 8:35 Song - How Firm a Foundation.
- 8:40 Devotion - Gary Triplett. Ephesians 4: 1-6. Unity of the spirit. We have one father and he is the father of us all. We are gathered here as brothers and sisters. Pray for our young people as I have a real burden for them.
- 8:55 Roll Call - Bailey's Camp 3, Doe Ridge 4, Laytown 3, Mt. Ephraim 0, Rock Spring 7, Sandy Flat 7.
- No report for Sunday School.
- 9:00 Discipleship Training - Charles Craig.
- 9:20 Women on Mission - Eunice Luttrell.
- 9:30 Christian Action League - Dale Luttrell. The Beacon Magazine gives us further information on moral, ethical and political issues that affect our state an our lives.
- No General Board Report - may have a representative in the area.
- 9:40 Annuity Board - Roy Gryder. Gave out pamphlets to each church represented.
- 9:45 Special singing.
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 Resolutions - Betty Woods.
- 10:20 Obituaries - Clerk.
- 10:25 Retirement Homes - Mamie Craig. (from yesterday).
- 10:30 Business Meeting - Max West, Nominating Committee Chairman made the following nominations: Moderator - Arvil Hardy, Vice-Moderator - Glen Luttrell, Clerk - Linda Mills, Treasurer - Edith Gryder, Discipleship Training - Charles Craig, Music - Pauline Eldreth, Stewardship/Cooperative Program - Linda Mills, VBS/ Sunday School Glen Luttrell, Retirement Homes, Mamie Craig, Children's Homes - Arvil Hardy, Obituaries - Clerk, Baptist Hospital - Bonnie Walsh, Christian

Higher Education - Roy Gryder, Baptist Foundation - Pauline Eldreth, Mission Reports - WMU. Christian Action League - Dale Luttrell, Evangelism - George Berry
Nominating Committee is the pastors of each church, Chairman, George Berry. Constitution and Bylaws Committee - Pastors of each church and Charles Craig. Finance Committee - Chairman, Edith Gryder, Eunice Luttrell, Arvil Hardy and Max West.

There was much discussion about shortening the annual meeting next year to one day. Some reports will be dropped and some will be modified. Each church will discuss this over the coming year and will also be discussed at the quarterly meetings.

It was moved, seconded and approved for the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and Program Committee meet 1 hour early next month before the quarterly meeting to discuss plans for the next annual meeting.

Roy Gryder moved that the Program Committee recommend any reports to be dropped at the quarterly meeting in November. Seconded and approved.

11:25 Moved, seconded and approved the budget for the 2000 - 2001 year.

Moved, seconded and approved for the local churches to let Roy Gryder know of any needs and he will notify the pastors so the association can help at the time needed.

11:30 Adjourn Business Meeting.

11:40 Annual Message - Roy Kanupp. John 21:1-12. Things we will find around God's table, nourishment, salvation, discernment of good and evil, righteousness, and restoration. In John 6:31 God gave them manna from heaven in the desert. He gave them physical nourishment but through Jesus, He gave us spiritual nourishment. Have you truly tasted the bread of life? You can't fall from grace if you are in God's hands. 1 Peter 2:2 we find a new christian has to be nurtured and fed because he is a baby in Christ. Everything a new christian needs to help them grow is in the word.

In Hebrews 5:11 we find that if you are not weaned from the milk, you will not hear what the meat of the word says. John 13:23 - At God's table there will be fellowship with the Son and he will feed us forever. When God sees under His table, He won't see our disabilities, He will see only His Son in us.

There will be no empty seats at God's table, they will all be filled. Luke 22:17 - Communion will be held at God's table and with Him. Gather around God's table and be healthy spiritually. Mark 16:7. Restoration - Jesus told Peter to strengthen the brethren. If you have been away from God's table too long, come back and be restored.

12:30 Adjourn - Lunch

TABLES

Baptism Info
Stony Fork Association

Legend: 3 -- Baptisms Total 3a -- Baptisms 0-5 3b -- Baptisms 6-8 3c -- Baptisms 9-11 3d -- Baptisms 12-17 3e -- Baptisms 18-29 3f -- Baptisms 30-59 3g -- Baptisms 60-up

CONGREGATION	C/M	3	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	3f	3g
Baileys Camp	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Doe Ridge, Boone	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Laytown, Lenoir	C	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mount Ephraim, Deep	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rock Spring, Ferguso	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sandy Flat, Blowing	C	9	0	0	3	1	2	2	1
Total:		10	0	0	3	1	2	3	1

Congregation and Member Info
Stony Fork Association

Legend: 1 -- Total Membership 2 -- Resident Membership 4 -- Other Additions 5 - New Member Training 6 -- Year Organized 7 -- Year Pastor Came 8-- Location (A-J)
9 -- AM Worship Att. 10 -- Church-Type Missions Started 11 -- Church-Type Missions Operating 12 -- Lost/Unchurched 13 -- Assoc. Mts on % Basis

CONGREGATION	C/M	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Baileys Camp	C	59	41	0	0	1938	1990	A	18	0	0	N	N	1	
Doe Ridge, Boone	C	64	34	3	0	1894	1991	A	22	0	0	Y	N	1	
Laytown, Lenoir	C	76	0	4	0	1939	1995	A	50	0	0	N	N	1	
Mount Ephraim, Deep	C	122	0	0	0	1876	1993	A	45	0	0	Y	N	1	
Rock Spring, Ferguso	C	85	85	9	0	1891	1999	A	60	0	0	Y	Y	1	
Sandy Flat, Blowing	C	95	81	4	0	1928	1999	A	47	0	0	N	Y	2	
Total:		501	241	20	0				242	0	0				

Congregation Summary
Stony Fork Association

Legend: 3 --- Total Baptisms 4 -- Other Additions 1 -- Total Membership 15 -- Total SS Enrollment 16 -- SS Avg. Weekly Attendance 18 -- Vacation Bible School

DTEN (19+20) -- Total DT Enrollment/Participation 21 -- Total Music Ministry Enrollment 23 -- Total WMU Enrollment 24 -- Total Brotherhood Enrollment

CONGREGATION	C/M	3	4	1	15	16	18	DTEN	21	23	24	TRE	29	30	TME
Baileys Camp	C	0	0	59	22	14	32	0	18	0	0	\$17,608	\$1,206	\$600	\$4,452
Doe Ridge, Boone	C	0	3	64	26	22	0	0	10	0	0	\$11,428	\$416	\$416	\$832
Laytown, Lenoir	C	1	4	76	35	28	0	0	0	4	0	\$44,109	\$0	\$315	\$14,948
Mount Ephraim, Deep	C	0	0	122	31	36	0	0	12	0	0	\$34,765	\$0	\$0	\$107
Rock Spring, Ferguso	C	0	9	85	58	48	71	0	23	6	0	\$59,206	\$4,531	\$1,689	\$9,340
Sandy Flat, Blowing	C	9	4	95	55	34	47	31	24	8	0	\$32,065	\$387	\$2,051	\$11,792
Total:		10	20	501	227	182	150	31	87	18	0	\$199,181	\$6,540	\$5,071	\$41,471

Financial - General
Stony Fork Association

Legend: 26 -- Undesignated Gifts 27 -- Designated Gifts 28 -- Other Receipts TRE -Total Receipts (26+27+28) 36 --- Value Cong. Property 37 -- Congregational Debt							
CONGREGATION	C/M	26	27	28	TRE	36	37
Baileys Camp	C	\$12,064	\$5,544	\$0	\$17,608	\$75,000	\$0
Doe Ridge, Boone	C	\$770	\$1,683	\$8,975	\$11,428	\$65,000	\$0
Laytown, Lenoir	C	\$12,013	\$2,096	\$0	\$44,109	\$160,000	\$0
Mount Ephraim, Deep	C	\$24,957	\$9,808	\$0	\$34,765	\$156,100	\$0
Rock Springs, Ferguson	C	\$0	\$14,474	\$44,732	\$59,206	\$225,000	\$0
Sandy Flat, Blowing	C	\$32,065	\$0	\$0	\$32,065	\$0	\$0
Total:		\$111,869	\$33,605	\$53,707	\$199,181	\$681,100	\$0

Financial - Missions
Stony Fork Association

Legend: 29 -- Cooperative Programs 30 -- Assoc. Missions 31 -- State Missions 32 -- Annie Armstrong 33 -- Lottie Moon
34 -- Other SBC Miss. Exp. 35 -- Non-SBC Miss. Exp. TME -- Total Mission Expenditures (29-35)

CONGREGATION	C/M	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	TME
Baileys Camp	C	\$1,206	\$600	\$424	\$0	\$177	\$507	\$1,538	\$4,452
Doe Ridge, Boone	C	\$416	\$416	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$832
Laytown, Lenoir	C	\$0	\$315	\$400	\$50	\$93	\$4,600	\$9,490	\$14,948
Mount Ephraim, Deep	C	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$107	\$0	\$0	\$107
Rock Springs, Ferguson	C	\$4,531	\$1,689	\$0	\$1,835	\$1,285	\$0	\$0	\$9,340
Sandy, Flat, Blowing	C	\$387	\$2,051	\$836	\$896	\$1,481	\$3,561	\$2,580	\$11,792
Total:		\$6,540	\$5,071	\$1,660	\$2,781	\$3,143	\$8,668	\$13,608	\$41,471

Music Ministry Info
Stony Fork Association

Legend: 21 -- Total Music Ministry Enrollment 21a -- Preschool 3-5 21b -- Children 6-11 21c -- Youth 12-17 21d -- Adult Choir 18-up 21e -- Other Music Groups

CONGREGATION	C/M	21	21a	21b	21c	21d	21e
Baileys Camp	C	18	0	1	2	15	0
Doe Ridge, Boone	C	10	0	0	0	10	0
Laytown, Lenoir	C	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount Ephraim, Deep	C	12	0	0	0	12	0
Rock Spring, Ferguso	C	23	0	0	0	23	0
Sandy Flat, Blowing	C	24	0	3	0	21	0
Total:		87	0	4	2	81	0

Sunday School Info - Enrollment

Stony Fork Association

Legend:	15 -- Total SS Enrollment	15a -- SS 6-5	15b -- SS 6-11	15c -- SS 12-17	15d -- SS 18-24	15e -- SS 25-34	15f -- SS 35-54	15g -- SS 55 up					
	15h -- SS General Officers	15i -- Other Bible Study	16 -- SS Avg Weekly Attendance	17 -- Non-Cong Members	18 -- Vacation Bible School								
CONGREGATION	CUM	15a	15b	15c	15d	15e	15f	15g	15h	15i	16	17	18
Baileys Camp	C	22	2	2	2	2	6	8	0	0	14	1	32
Doe Ridge, Boone	C	26	1	0	0	3	8	14	0	0	22	0	0
Laytown, Lenoir	C	35	4	0	5	4	13	5	2	0	28	0	0
Mount Ephraim, Deep	C	31	1	2	0	4	5	14	4	1	36	5	0
Roch. Springs, Ferguson	C	58	7	4	5	6	17	10	2	0	48	0	71
Sandy Flat, Blowing	C	55	5	4	10	0	14	20	2	0	34	0	47
Total:		227	20	12	22	9	63	71	10	1	182	6	150

HISTORY AND HISTORICAL TABLE

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Year	Churches	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1862	Zions Gate Meeting House, Wilkes Co.	Larkin Hodges	Larkin Pipes	Larkin Hodges
1863	Yellow Hill	Larkin Hodges	Larkin Pipes	Wilson Bradshaw
1864	Minutes were not printed, manuscript got lost			
1865	Mt. Ephraim	Larkin Hodges	J.R. Hodges	Joseph Harrison
1866	South Fork	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivette	Larkin Hodges
1867	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	J.R. Carlton
1868	Union	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	James Parsons
1869	Stony Fork	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	W.H. Phillips
1870	Old Field	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	William Wilcox
1871	Elk	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	James Parsons
1872	Mt. Vernon	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	J.R. Carlton
1873	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	James Parsons	Larkin Hodges
1874	Yellow Hill	Larkin Hodges	W.E. Greene	James Parsons
1875	Laurel Fork	Larkin Hodges	W.E. Greene	Levi Wilson
1876	Stony Fork	Larkin Hodges	W.E. Greene	Larkin Hodges
1877	Poplar Grove	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivette	James Parsons
1878	Old Field	Larkin Hodges	W.E. Greene	J.R. Carlton
1879	Elk	Larkin Hodges	W.E. Greene	Monroe Gragg
1880	Mt. Vernon	Larkin Hodges	W.E. Greene	Monroe Gragg
1881	Watauga	Larkin Hodges	Elijah Trivette	Levi Wilson
1882	Mt. Ephraim	J.F. Eller	John R. Hodges	James Parsons
1883	Yellow Hill	J.F. Eller	Elijah Trivette	Larkin Hodges
1884	Boones For	Larkin Hodges	Thomas Pipes	Larkin Pipes
1885	Buffalo Cove	J.F. Eller	Thomas Pipes	J.F. Eller
1886	Stony Fork	E.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E.M. Gragg
1887	Union	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	David Eller
1888	Laurel Fork	James Parsons	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1889	Poplar Grove	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	John F. Eller
1890	Mt. Vernon	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E. M. Gragg
1891	Watauga	E.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1892	Mt. Paran	E.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	E.M. Gragg
1893	Boones Fork	E.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	S.T. Carroll
1894	Yellow Hill	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	John F. Eller
1895	New River	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Geo. W. Trivette
1896	Elk	E.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J.C. Miller
1897	Laurel Fork	E.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	W.M. Lee
1898	Buffalo Cove	J.C. Miller	Wm. M. Lee	J.F. Davis
1899	Mt. Vernon	E.M. Gragg	R.H. Pipes	J. F. Sherwood
1900	Watauga	E.M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	D. C. Harman

1901	Stony Fork	J. C. Miller	Wm. M. Lee	John Crisp
1902	Poplar Grove	J.C. Miller	A. J. Shul l	J. C. Blaylock
1903	Boones Fork	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1904	Mt. Ephraim	F. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	F. M. Gragg
1905	Mt. Paran	E. M. Gragg	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1906	Yellow Hill	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Asa Brown
1907	New River	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	J. F. Davis
1908	Middle Cane	James F. Church	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1909	Elk	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	J. C. Miller
1910	Laurel Fork	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1911	Mt. Vernon	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	D. M. Wheeler
1912	Poplar Grove	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	R. F. Wilcox
1913	Watauga	Thos. L. Day	N.S. Hampton	N.S. Hampton
1914	Mt. Ephraim	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1915	Boones Fork	Thos. L. Day	Wm. M. Lee	D. M. Wheeler
1616	Rock Spring	B. F. Wilcox	Wm. M. Lee	Wm. M. Lee
1917	Mt. Paran	B. F. Wilcox	N.S. Hampton	N.S. Hampton
1918	Due to outbreak of influenza, no Association was held			
1919	Yellow Hill	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	B. F. Wilcox
1920	Mt. Vernon	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1921	Laurel Fork	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	D. M. Wheeler
1922	Watauga	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	Oscar Dillinger
1923	Poplar Grove	B. F. Wilcox	N. S. Hampton	N. S. Hampton
1924	Boones Fork	B. F. Wilcox	J. A. Hampton	W. D. Ashley
1925	Mt. Ephraim	B. F. Wilcox	J.A. Hampton	J. A. Hampton
1926	Rock View	D. M. Wheeler	J. A. Hampton	G. M. Watson
1927	Elk	D. M. Wheeler	R.F. Wilcox	A.C. Hamby
1928	Watauga	D. M. Wheeler	B.F. Wilcox	B. F. Wilcox
1929	Sandy Flat	D. M. Wheeler	B.F. Wilcox	G.M. Watson
1930	Middle Can	W. D. Ashley	B.F. Wilcox	Linney Barnes
1931	Laurel Fork	W.D. Ashley	B.F. Wilcox	B.F. Wilcox
1932	New Hopewell	G.M. Watson	B.F. Wilcox	J.T. McGuire
1933	Yellow Hill	B.F. Wilcox	Roy Keller	G.M. Watson
1934	Mt. Vernon	G.W. Gragg	Roy Keller	R.H. Shore
1935	Grandmother Gap	G.W. Gragg	Roy Keller	W.J. Cook
1936	Mt. Ephraim	G.W. Gragg	Roy Keller	Carl Triplett
1937	Mt. View	B. F. Wilcox	G.M. Watson	Ray Hendrix
1938	Watauga	Carl Triplett	F.L. Hampton	W.D. Ashley
1939	Laurel Fork	Carl Triplett	F.L. Hampton	W.J. Cook
1940	Bailey's Camp	Carl Triplett	F.L. Hampton	G. M. Watson
1941	Sandy Flat	Lee J. Church	N.L. Harrison	Roy Keller
1942	New Hopewell	Lee J. Church	N.L. Harrison	B.F. Wilcox
1943	Boone Fork	Lee J. Church	N.L. Harrison	W. B. Bryant
1944	Watauga	N.L. Harrison	W.M. Brown	Frank Knight
1945	Laytown	N.L. Harrison	W.M. Brown	W.D. Ashley

1946	Mt. Vernon	G.M. Watson	W. M. Brown	W.D. Ashley
1947	Yellow Hill	Theo Hendrix	G.M. Watson	Roscoe Greene
1948	Doe Ridge - No minutes, manuscript lost at printers			
1949	Mt. Paran	Theo Hendrix	G.M. Watson	Roscoe Greene
1950	Rock Spring	Theo Hendrix	N.L. Harrison	R.L. Barnes
1951	New Hopewell	Theo Hendrix	N. L. Harrison	Barney Oliver
1952	Boone Fork	G.M. Watson	J. Merritt Coffey	W.J. Cook
1953	East Flats	Theo Hendrix	G.M. Watson	R.L. Barnes
1954	Mt. Ephraim	Theo Hendrix	G.M. Watson	Lloyd Duller
1955	Bailey's Camp	Theo Hendrix	G.M. Watson	W.J. Cook
1956	Laurel Fork	Theo Hendrix	J.Merritt Coffey	W.M. Brown
1957	Mt. Vernon			
	Sandy Flat	Theo Hendrix	J.Merritt Coffey	W.J. Cook
1958	Laytown			
	Rock Spring	Theo Hendrix	J. M. Coffey	Carson Eggers
1959	New Hopewell			
	Long Ridge	Carson Eggers	J.Merritt Coffey	W.J. Cook
1960	Mt Paran			
	Boones Fork	Carson Eggers	J.M. Coffey	Wendell Critcher
1961	Watauga			
	Yellow Hill	Carson Eggers	J. M. Coffey	Dupree Gowan
1962	Mt. Ephraim			
	Sandy Flat	Carson Eggers	Winifred Hampton	Roby McNeil
1963	Doe Ridge			
	Rock Spring	Carson Eggers	Winifred Hampton	W.M. Brown
1964	Bailey's Camp			
	Boone Fork	E.O. Bustle	Mrs.Clark Story	W.M. Quinn
1965	Laurel Fork			
	Laytown	E.O. Bustle	Mrs. Clark Story	W.M. Brown
1966	Long Ridge	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Story	Phillip Martin
	Mt. Paran	A.C. Moody	Mrs. Clark Story	Pete Vannoy
1967	Mt. Vernon	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Story	Basil Tester
	New Hopewell	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Story	E.O. Bustle
1968	Rock Spring	A.C. Moody	Mrs. Clark Story	A.C. Moody
	Sandy Flat	Archie Clawson	Mrs. Clark Story	R. Matheson
1969	Bailey's Camp	Lewis Hodges	Mrs. Clark Story	Lewis Hodges
	Boone Fork	Lewis Hodges	Mrs. Clark Story	Herring Crisp
1970	Laurel Fork	Lewis Hodges	Barbara West	Davis Austin
	Doe Ridge	Lewis Hodges	Barbara West	Archie Clawson
1971	Laytown	David Austin	Barbara West	Ray Turbyfill
	Long Ridge	David Austin	Barbara West	Sherrill Welborn
1972	Mt. Ephraim	David Austin	Barbara West	Gurney Robbins
	Mt. Paran	David Austin	Barbara West	A. C. Moody
1973	Mt. Vernon	Marvin Saunders	Barbara West	Everette Watson
	New Hopewell	Marvin Saunders	Barbara West	Sherrill Welborn

1974	Rock Spring	Marvin Saunders	Barbara West	Merle Johnson
	Sandy Flat	Marvin Saunders	Barbara West	Dale Milstead
1975	Yellow Hill	Merle Johnson	Barbara West	Dean Hodges
	Bailey's Camp	Merle Johnson	Barbara West	Max West
1976	Boone Fork	Charles Craig	Barbara West	A.C. Moody
	Doe Ridge	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Lloyd Hollman
1977	Laurel Fork	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Raymond Hendrix
	Laytown	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Max West
1978	Long Ridge	Charles Craig	Barbara West	Phillip Martin
	Mt. Ephraim	Charles Craig	Barbara West	A.C. Moody
1979	Mt. Vernon	Max West	Barbara West	Harold Bean
	Boone Fork	Max West	Barbara West	Harold Danner
1980	Mt. Paron	Max West	Barbara West	Jim Lambert
	New Hopewell	Max West	Barbara West	Burl Jones
1981	Rock Spring	Max West	Barbara West	Cannon Ward
	Sandy Flat	Max West	Barbara West	Jim Lambert
1982	Watauga	Max West	Barbara West	Jack White
	Bailey's Camp	Max West	Barbara West	Cecil Gragg
1983	Boone Fork	Jack White	Barbara West	Burl Jones
	Doe Ridge	Jack White	Barbara West	J.R. Robbins
1984	Laurel Fork	Jack White	Linda Mills	Jack White
	Laytown	Jack White	Linda Mills	Ed Greene
1985	Long Ridge	J. R. Robbins	Linda Mills	Scott Church
	Mt. Ephraim	J. R. Robbins	Linda Mills	Ed Greene
1986	Rock Spring	J. R. Robbins	Linda Mills	Scott Church
	Sandy Flat	J.R. Robbins	Linda Mills	Max West
1987	Bailey's Camp	J. R. Robbins	Linda Mills	Greg Mathis
	Boone Fork	J.R. Robbins	Linda Mills	Everette Little
1988	Doe Ridge	Scott Church	Linda Mills	Kenneth Ridings
	Laytown	Scott Church	Linda Mills	Carter Moretz
1989	Long Ridge	Scott Church	Linda Mills	Alex Booth
	Mt. Ephraim	Scott Church	Linda Mills	Carter Moretz
1990	Rock Spring	George Berry	Linda Mills	Scott Church
	Sandy Flat	George Berry	Linda Mills	Max West
1991	Bailey's Camp	George Berry	Linda Mills	Jimmy Hubbard
	Boone Fork	George Berry	Linda Mills	Eugene Fillers
1992	Doe Ridge	George Berry	Linda Mills	Arvil Hardy
	Laytown	George Berry	Linda Mills	Dennis Geouge
1993	Long Ridge	Max West	Linda Mills	John McCoury
	Mt. Ephraim	Max West	Linda Mills	Sherrill Dunn
1994	Rock Spring	Max West	Linda Mills	Richard Baird
	Sandy Flat	Max West	Linda Mills	Leon Silver
1995	Bailey's Camp	Ron Burgett	Linda Mills	Max West
	Doe Ridge	Ron Burgett	Linda Mills	Arvil Hardy
1996	Laytown	Ron Burgett	Linda Mills	Danny Murphy

	Long Ridge	Ron Burgett	Linda Mills	John McCoury
1997	Mt. Ephraim	Roy Kanupp	Linda Mills	Tim Dockery
	Rock Spring	Roy Kanupp	Linda Mills	Ron Burgett
1998	Sandy Flat	Roy Kanupp	Linda Mills	Tim Dockery
	Bailey's Camp	Roy Kanupp	Linda Mills	Max West
1999	Doe Ridge	Tim Dockery	Linda Mills	Arvile Hardy
	Laytown	Tim Dockery	Linda Mills	Roy Kanupp
2000	Mt. Ephraim	Roy Kanupp	Linda Mills	Max West
	Rock Spring	Roy Kanupp	Linda Mills	Roy Kanupp

The churches; Buffalo Cove, Cool Springs, Wilkes County Elk, Stony Fork, and Yellow Hill, formerly belonging to other associations.

Met at the Stony Fork Baptist Church and organized the Stony Fork Baptist Association on November 9th and 10th., 1880. For this meeting, appointed Elder Larkin Hodges, moderator and Brother Elijah Trivette, Clerk.

